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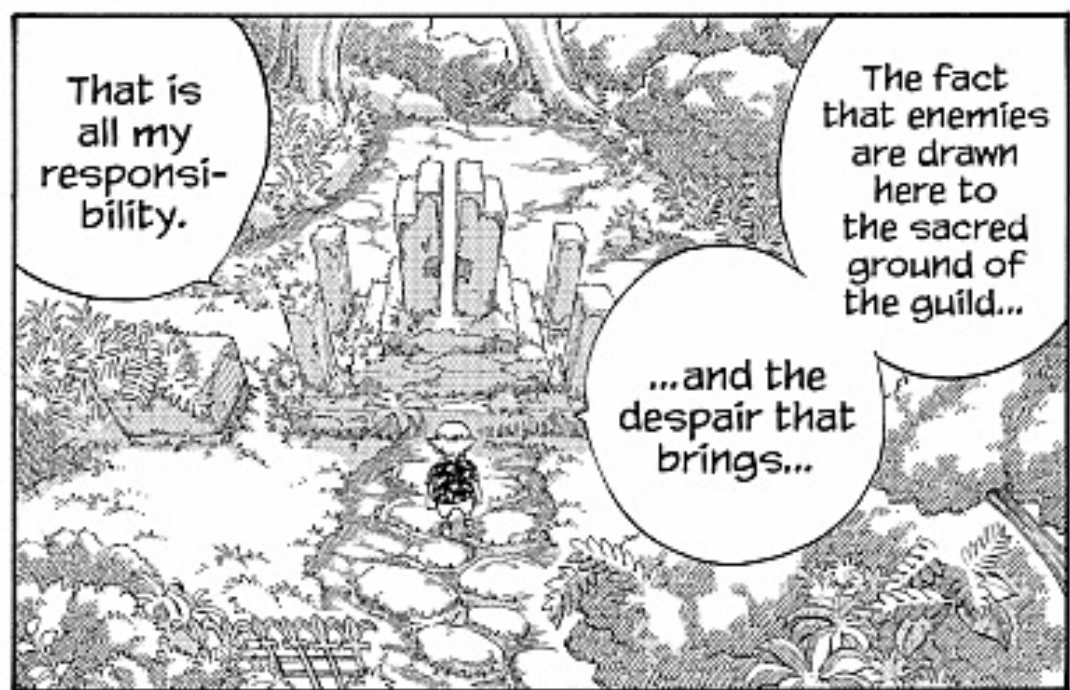
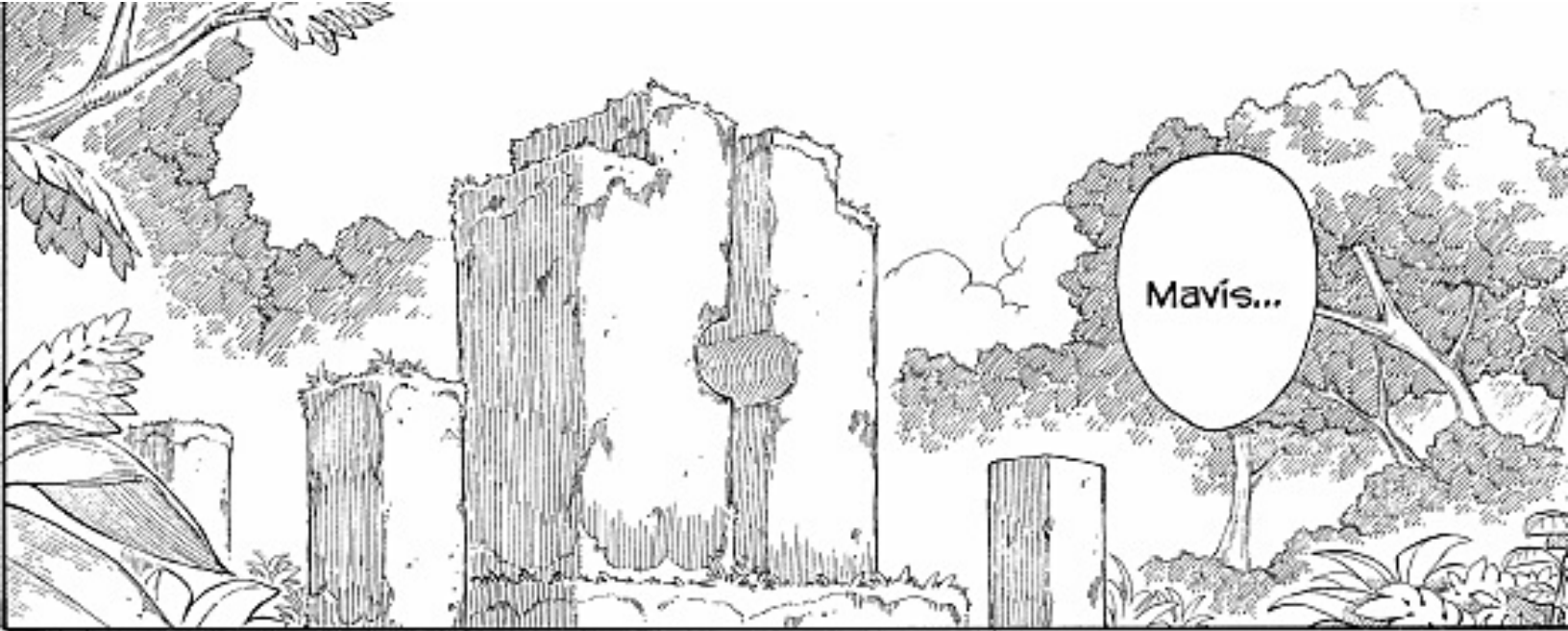
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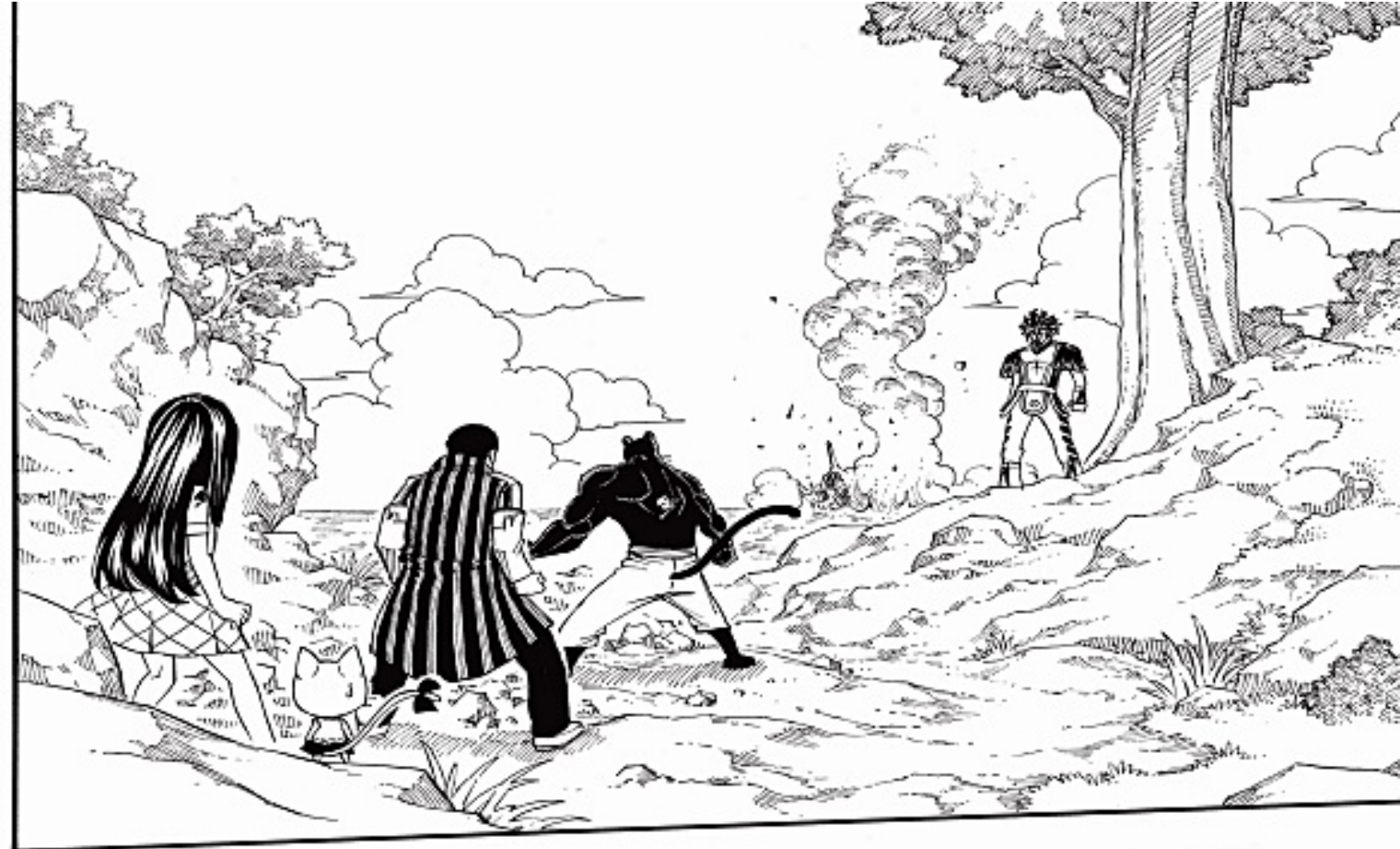
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Chapter 214: Makarov on the Attack















Lily!!



I don't
even
have a
sword...



WHOOOO

Ngg!



**ARMS!!
VERNIER
!!!**

Roh!



FWP



That'll
do!!!



Mest-san! I have a plan!

But I need your help!



What difference does that make now?!

Wh-What are you talking about? I'm a member of the Council!



Now I can dodge his explosions !!!!



I came here to crush your guild so I can get a promotion !!!!

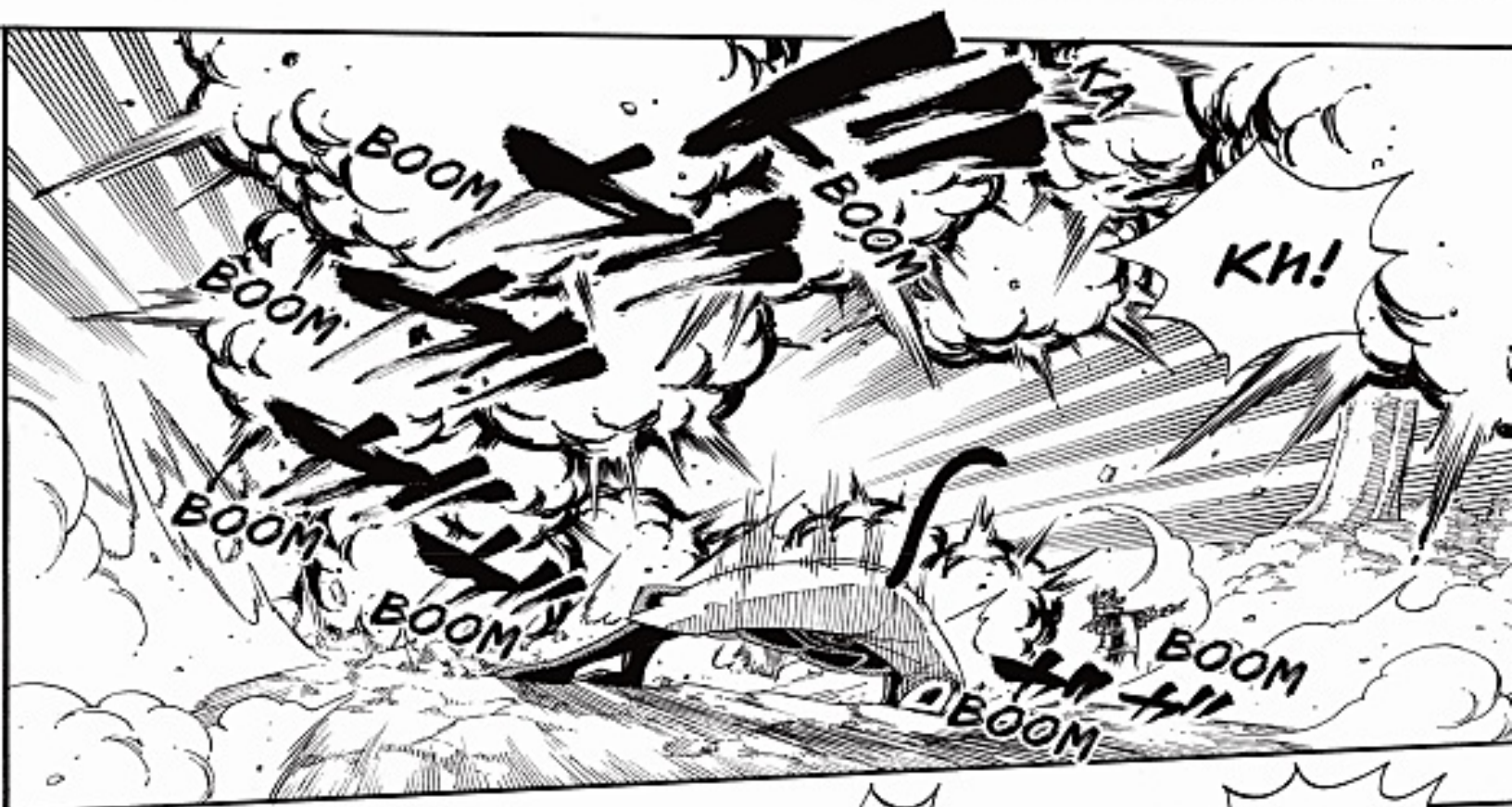


I want to protect Fairy Tail!!!!

Please give me your help!!!!



**I don't
care!!!
I'll never
let that
happen!!!!**



**My explosions
will follow you
no matter
where you
run!**



**Right
!!**



**Lily!!
Fly!!**





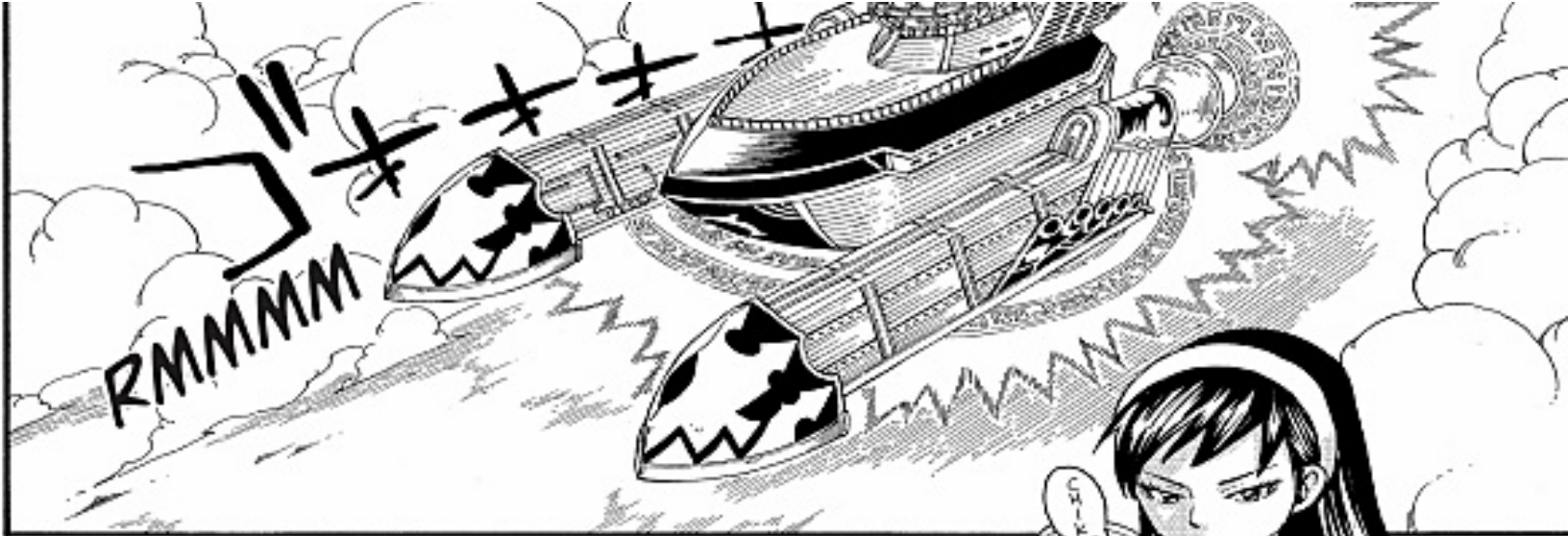


**TOWER
BURST
!!!!**









Bah.
It's only
natural.
Even I can
see this is
war.

Urtear-san,
when did
you get so
into this?



Shall we
ascend to the
Eden we call
battle?



Look!!

Urtear!

I...
I-I-I...
I... I
think...







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Forty-eight years ago.

The year: X736.

I-I'm gonna be the third...

...master of the Fairy Tail guild?!

You can love and believe in your fellow members.

You'll make this a good guild. I'm sure of it.

I'm forty years old! Stop calling me "brat!"

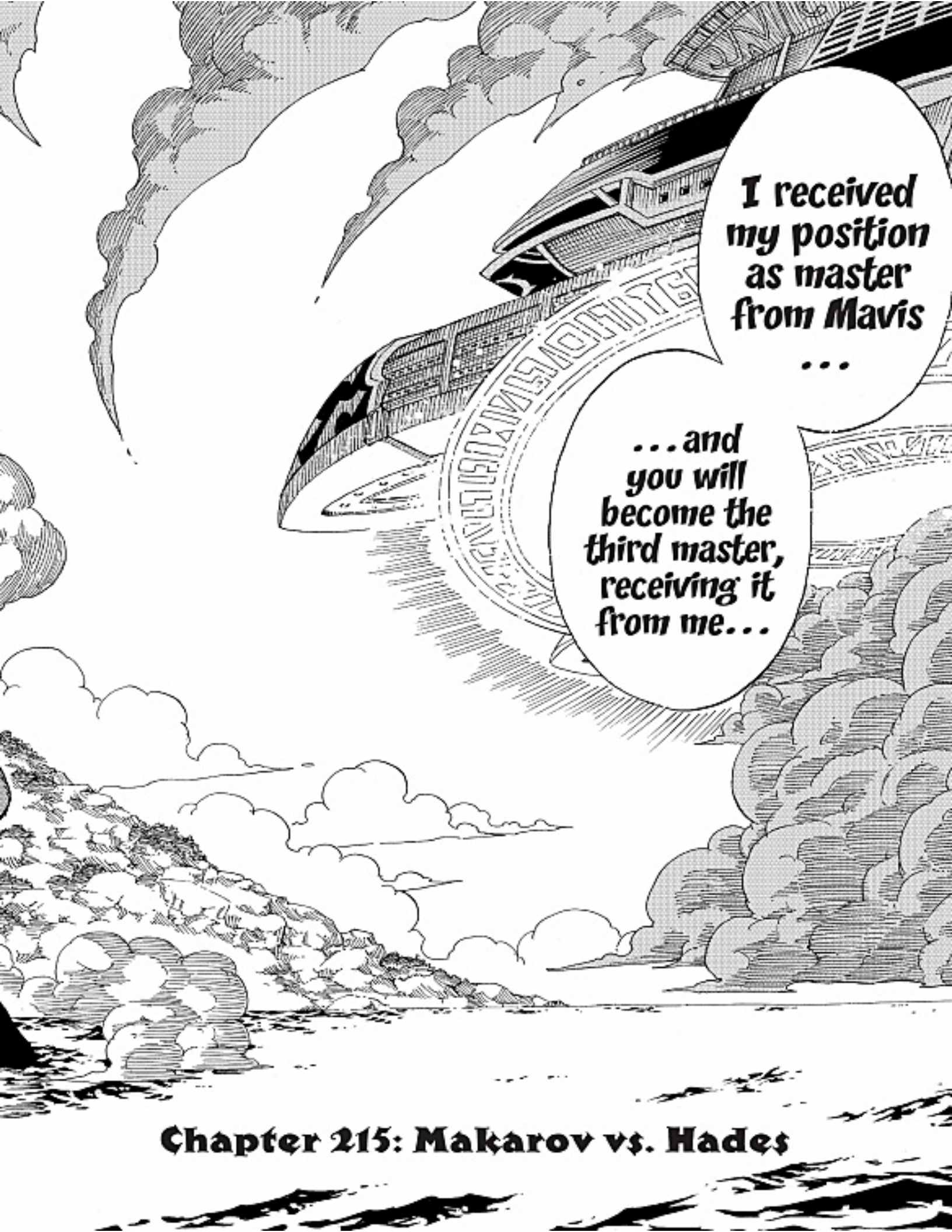
You can do it, brat.

No, not me! Not my style!



**You will
inherit that
spirit...**

**...and I
will entrust
Fairy Tail
to you.**

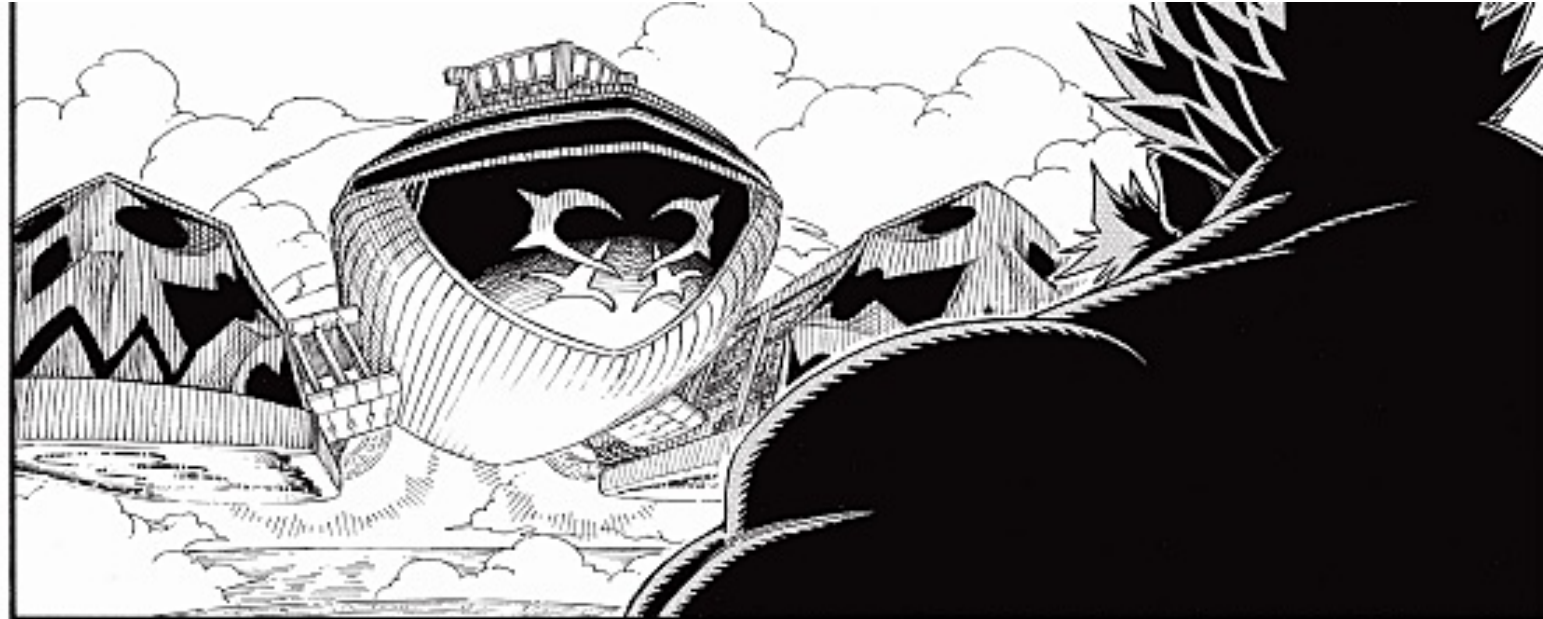
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**I received
my position
as master
from Mavis**

...

**...and
you will
become the
third master,
receiving it
from me...**

Chapter 215: Makarov vs. Hades





What's going on?!

He broke our re-inforced armor so easily?!

Explosion on the star-board side!!



CRANK!!

Gwoh!

W-Weh...



GWOON

Increase speed!!

FWOOOH



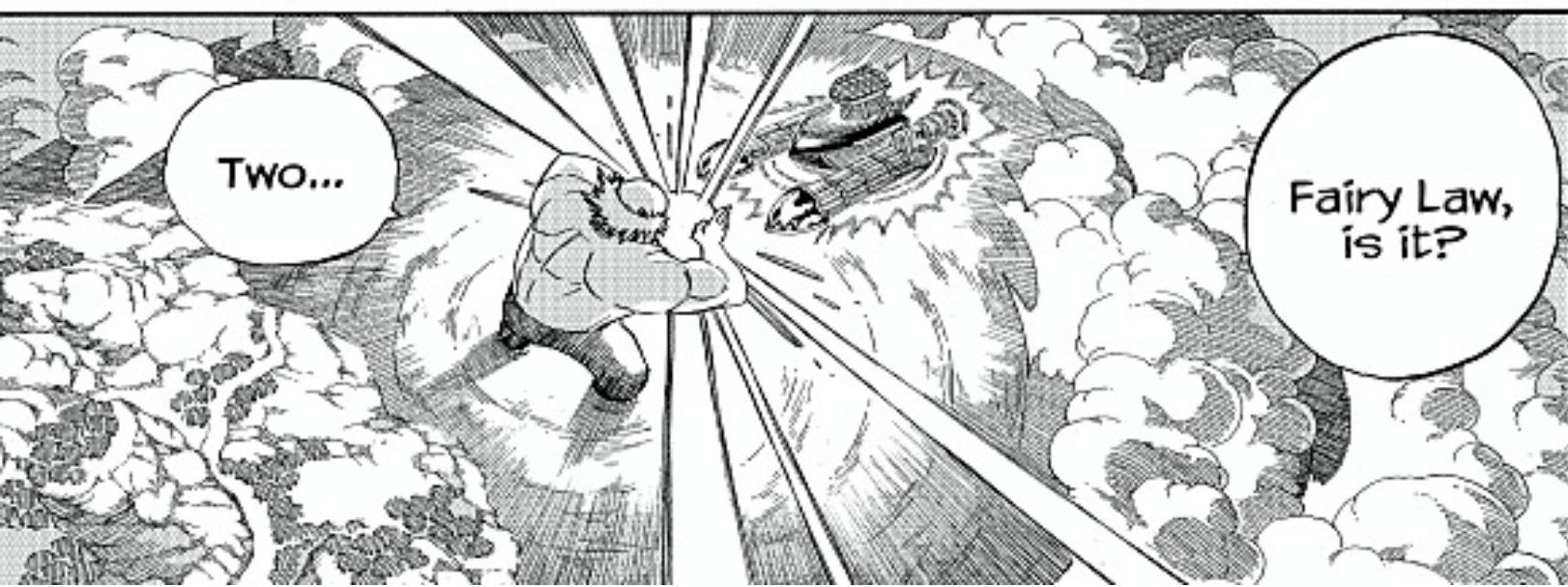
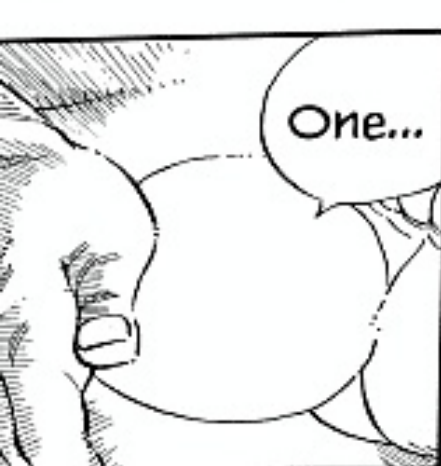
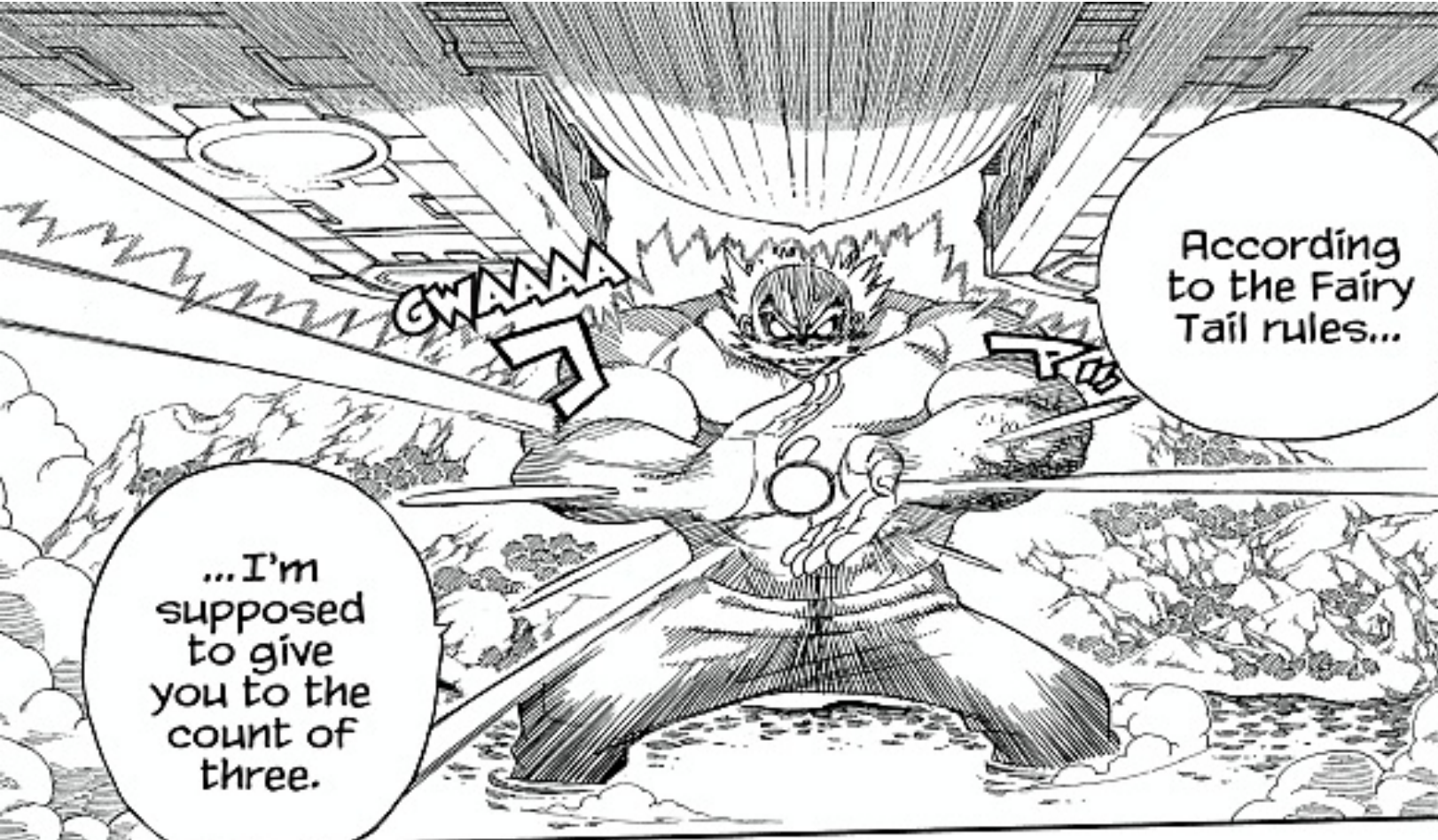
Fire!!!



Prep the Jupiter magic-focusing cannon!









Dammit!!
Who took
them
out?!



Lily!! Carla!!
What are you
two doing
here anyway?!

Open
your
eyes!!



Wendy!!
Wake
up!!!

The
memory-
altering
spell's been
broken...?



Org...



Was it
you?
Hey!!
You jerk!



OH
NOOO
!!!!

... YOU
MEAN... WE'RE
FIGHTING THE
COUNCIL?!!!

Totally
wrong.

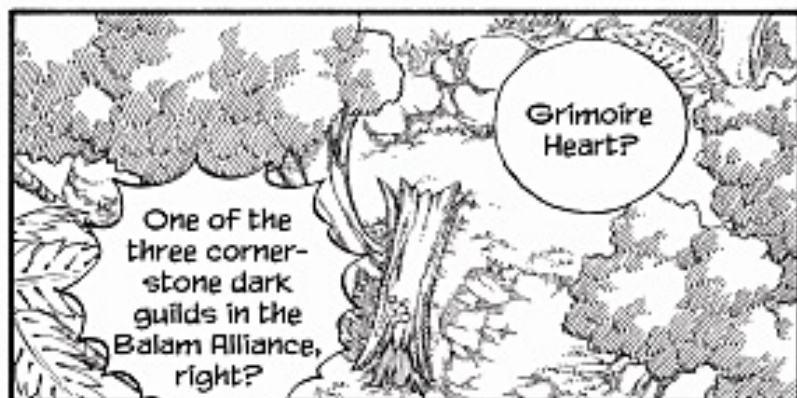
What
a nice
coat you
have...

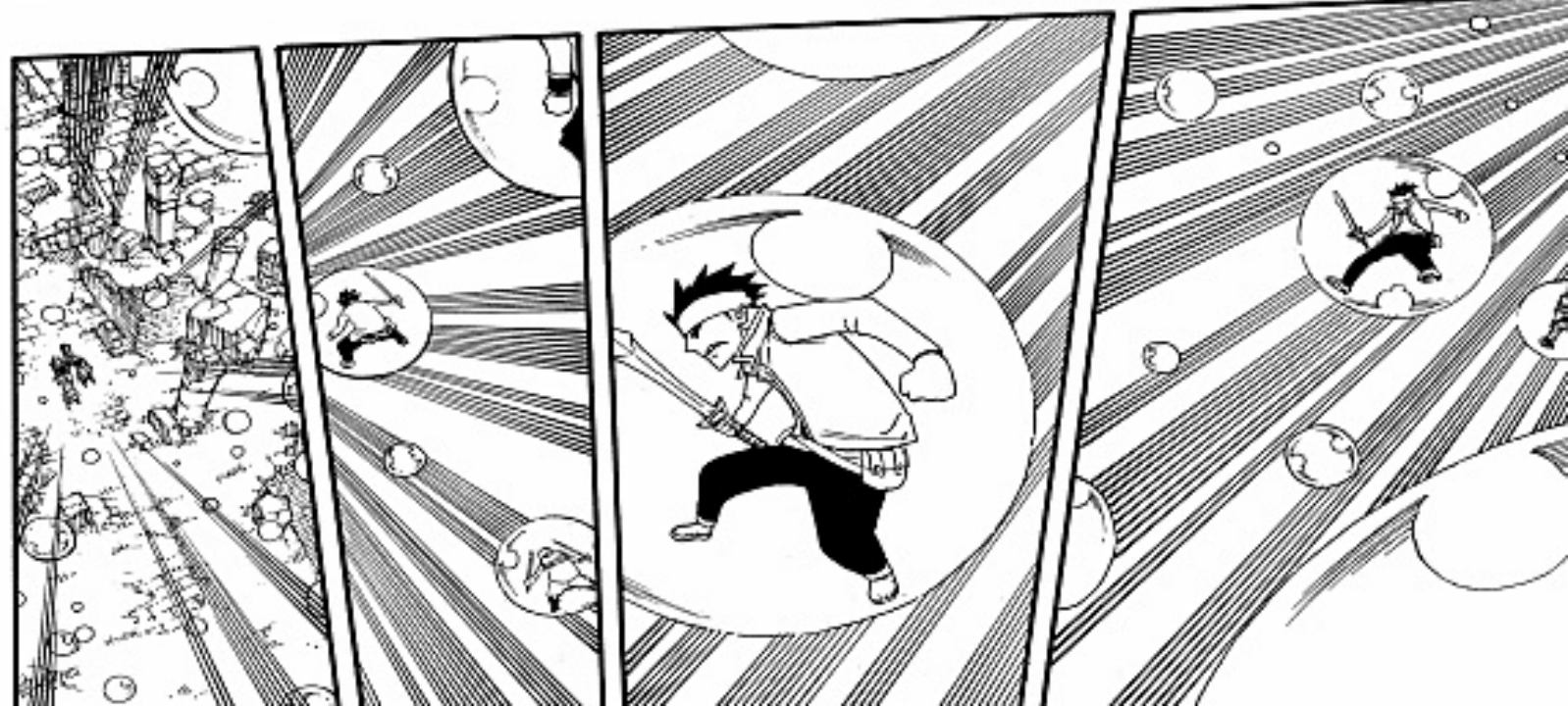
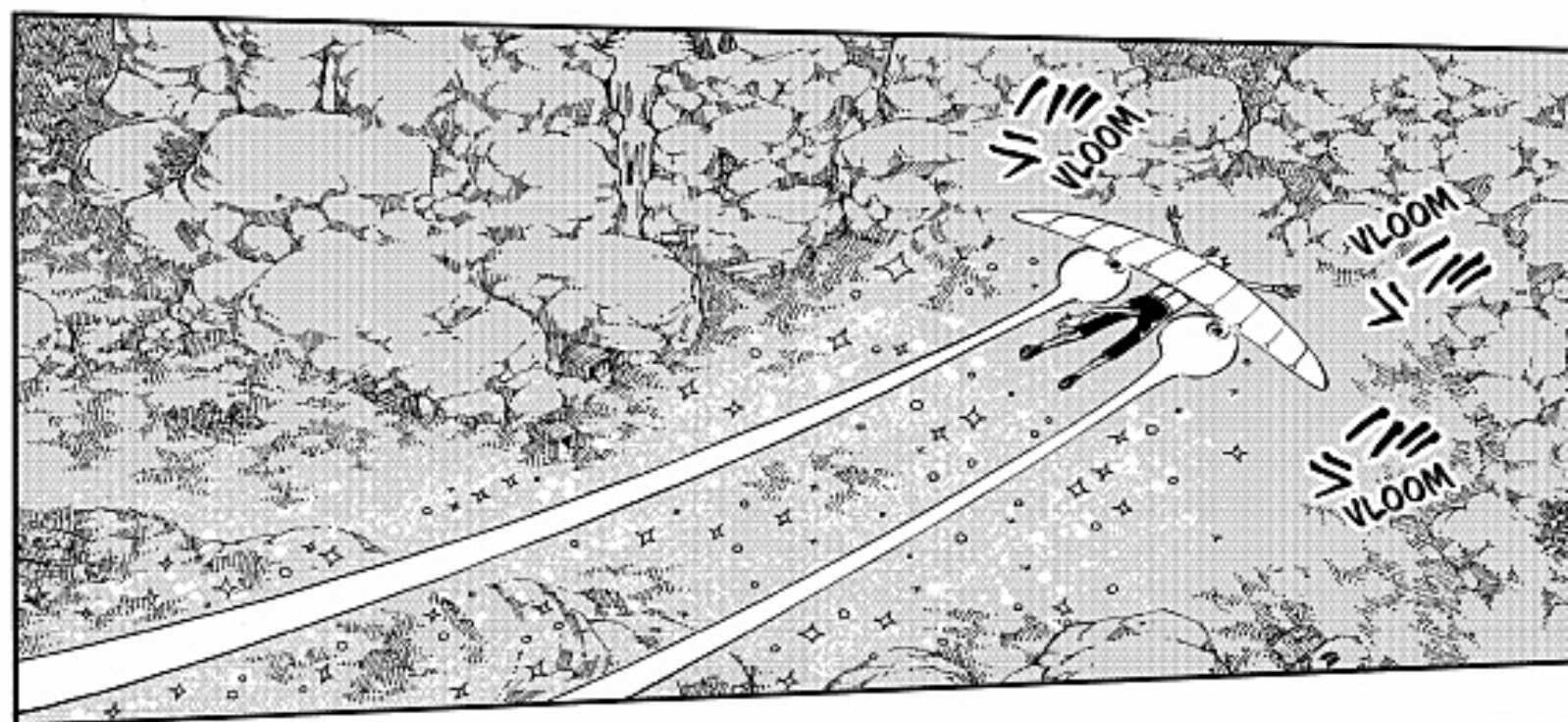
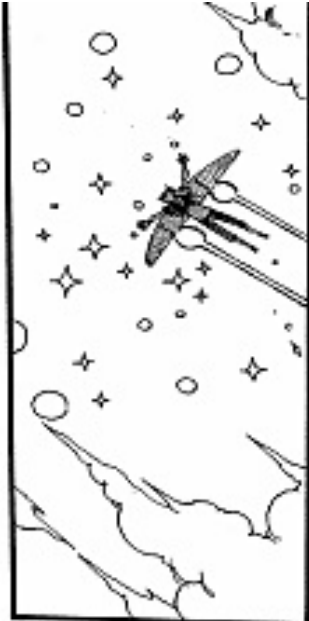
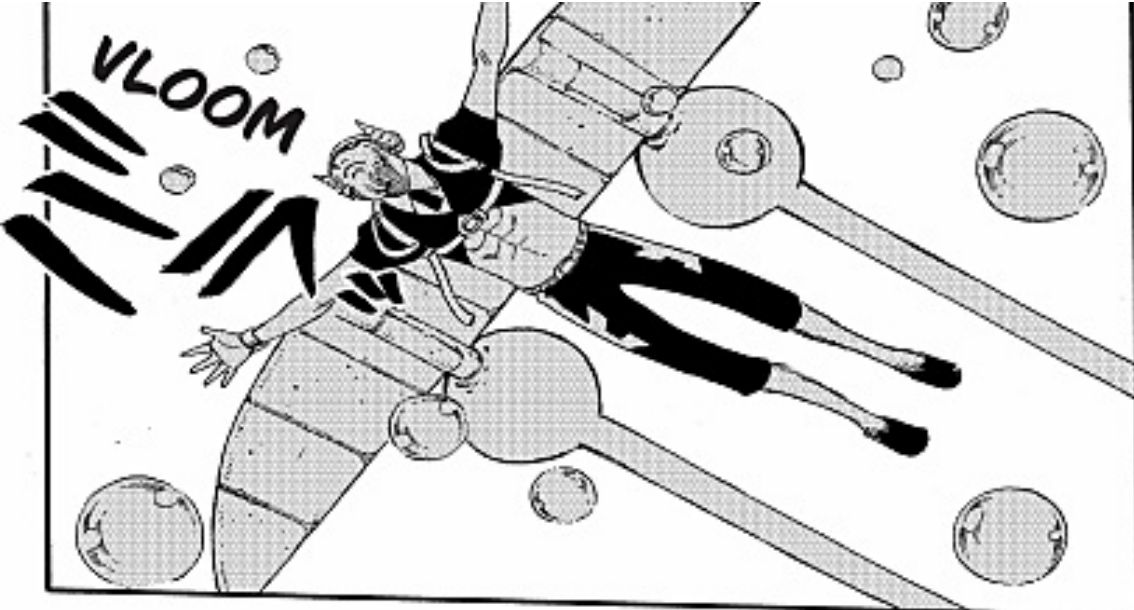
Natsu-san,
he works
for the
Council...

MAGIC
EXPLANATION

MEMORY
MANIPULATION

Magic that can add your
existence to the memories
of someone else. However,
like charm magic, the
moment one becomes
aware that magic has been
cast on them, the
magic vanishes.











**Those
are all
people
?!!!**



A man will
never allow
an invader
to pass!!

Such a pain...
and I mean
both of
you!



Uhh
...

They're
here
already
...



Right!

Mira...



Begin mission!



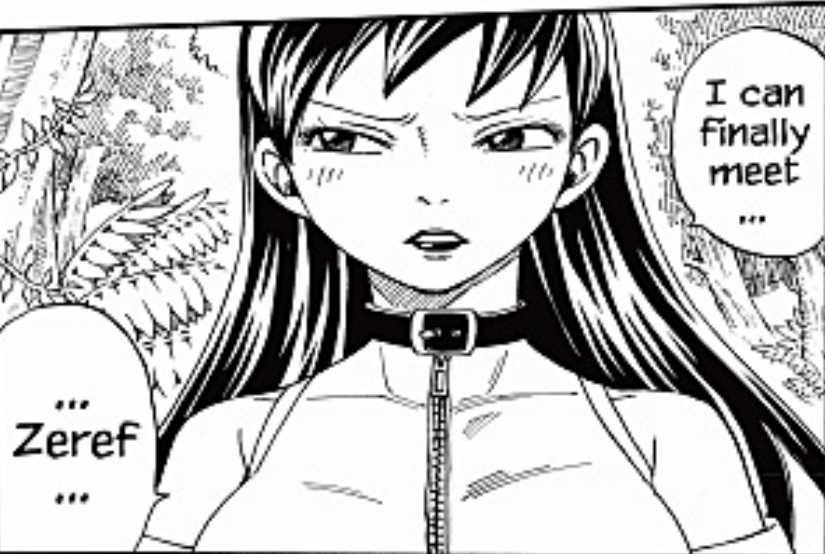
Shall we offer up our fairy sacrifices?



Yahoo!



Good grief...
So those clowns are here already, hm?



...
Zeref
...

I can finally meet ...

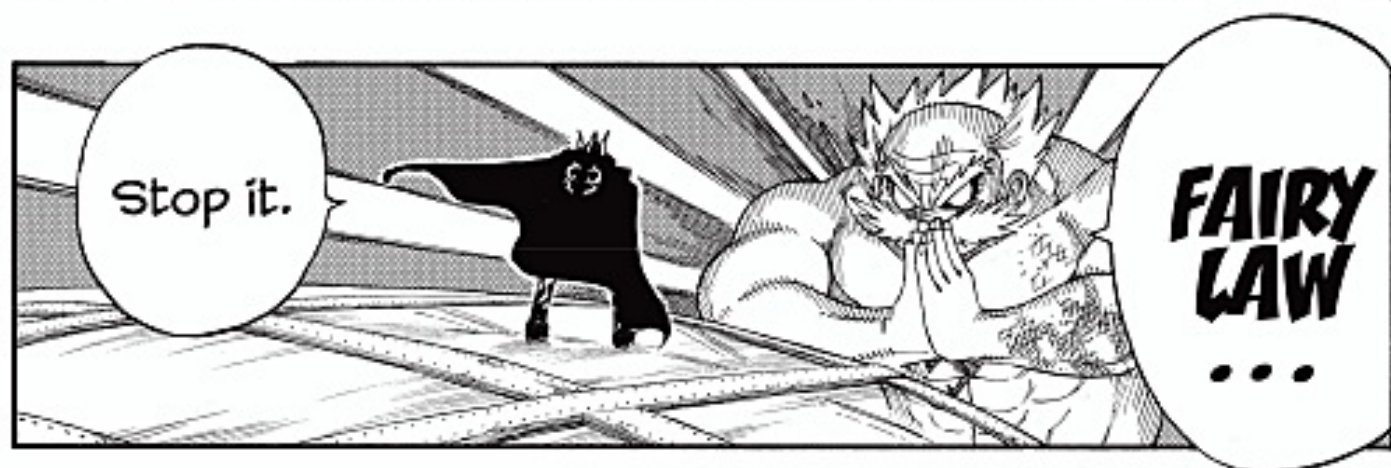
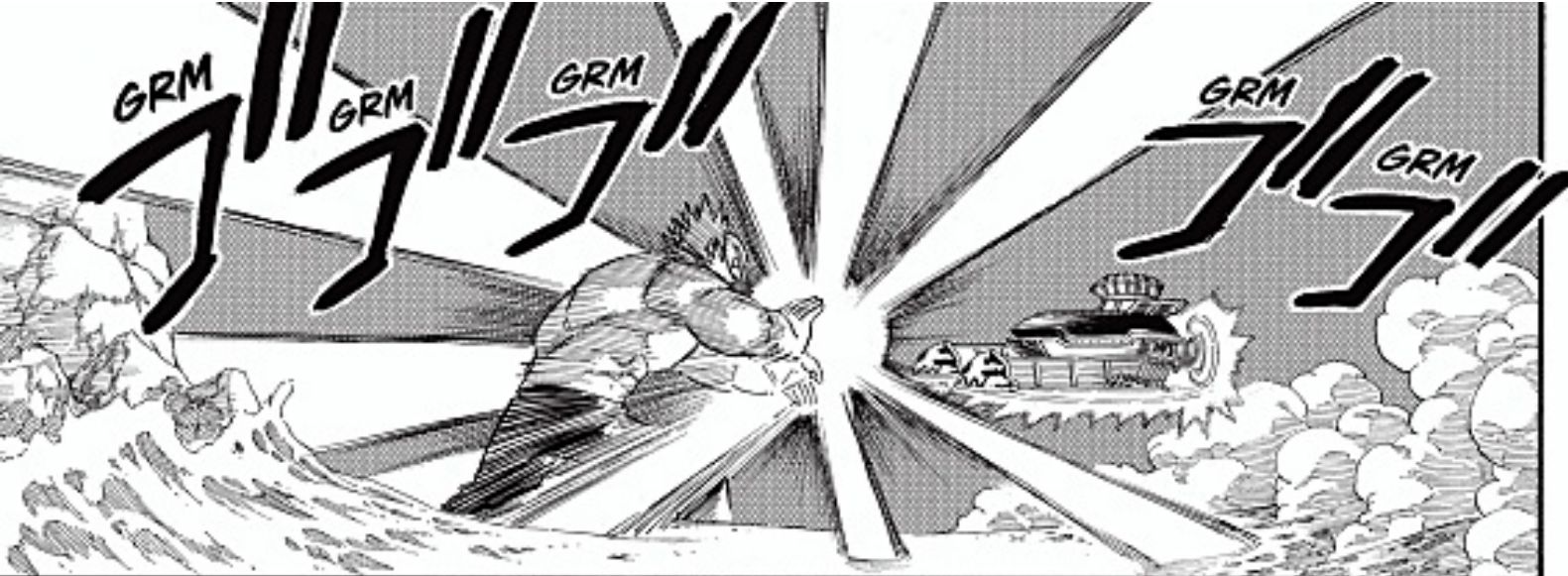


W...
Wehh...



...is beginning?

So, another battle...

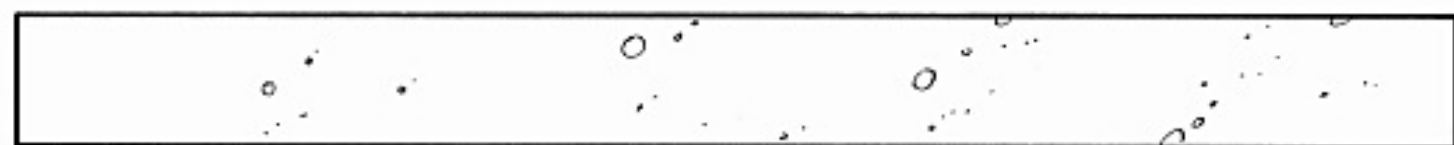




**GRIMOIRE
LAW!**

WSH

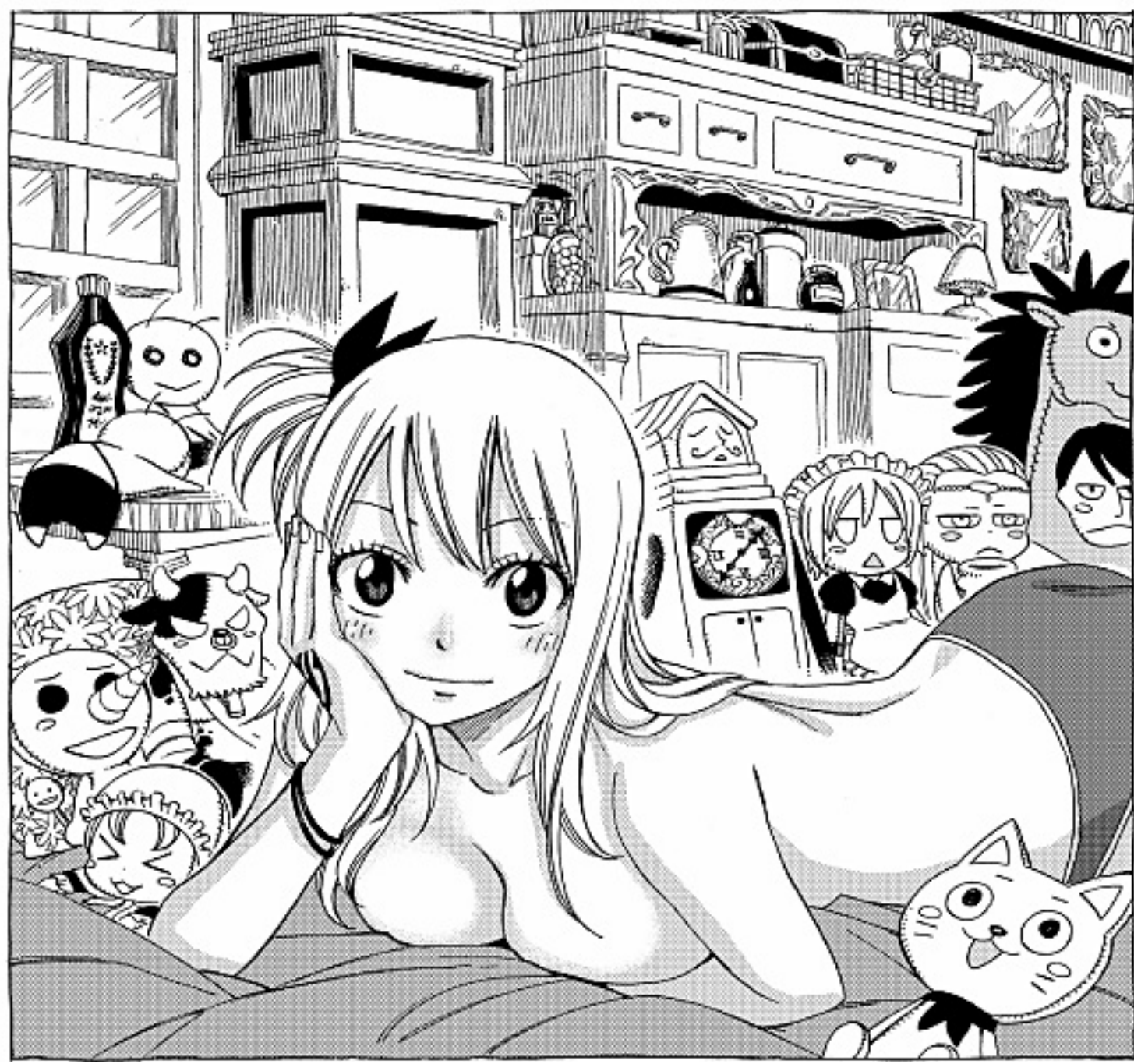


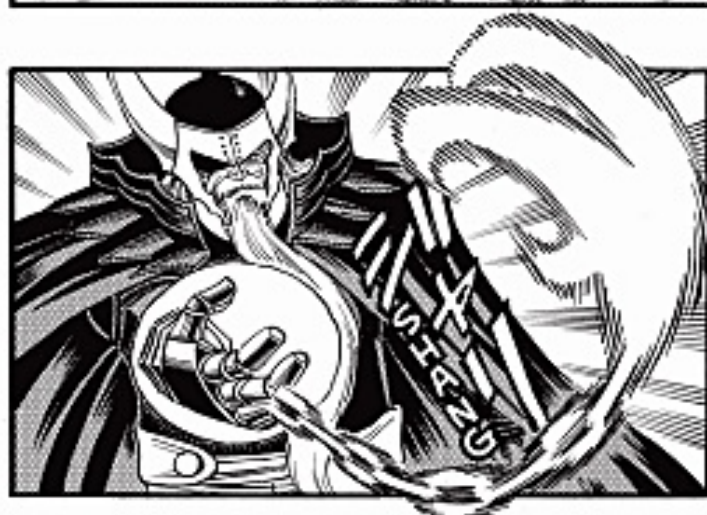
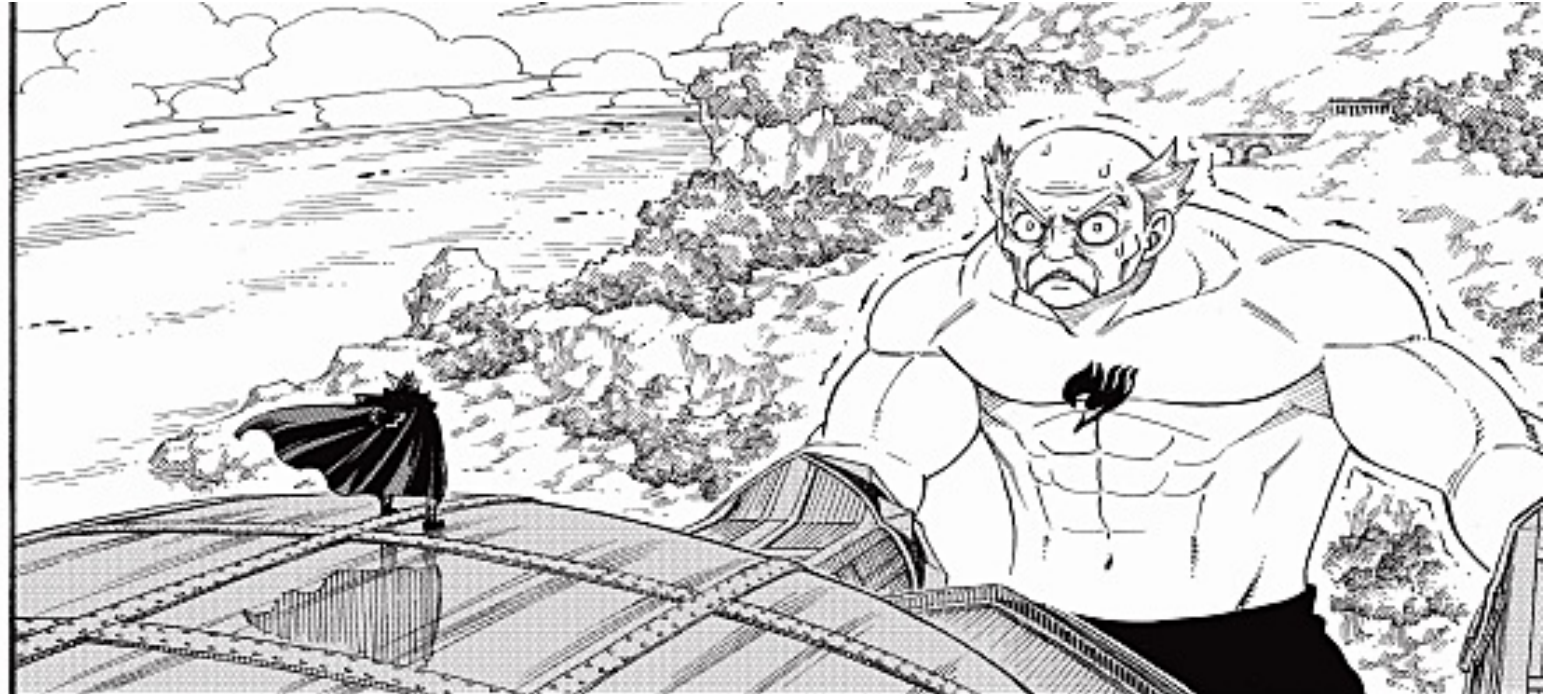


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Chapter 216: The Essence of Magic









...in a dark
guild?

Why are
you...



This world
cannot be
measured
in good and
evil!

Just
what are
light and
dark,
Makarov?



Stop
calling me
"brat!"

You aren't
a guild
member
anymore!

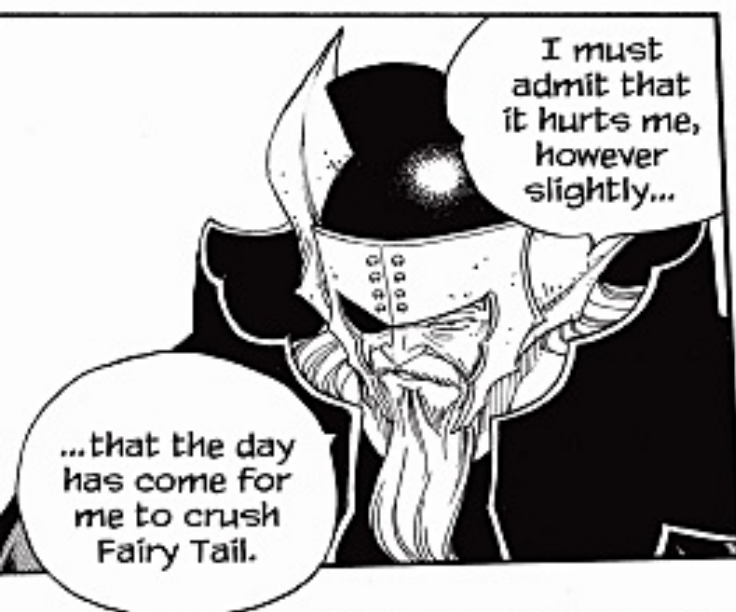


Hah
hah
hah!

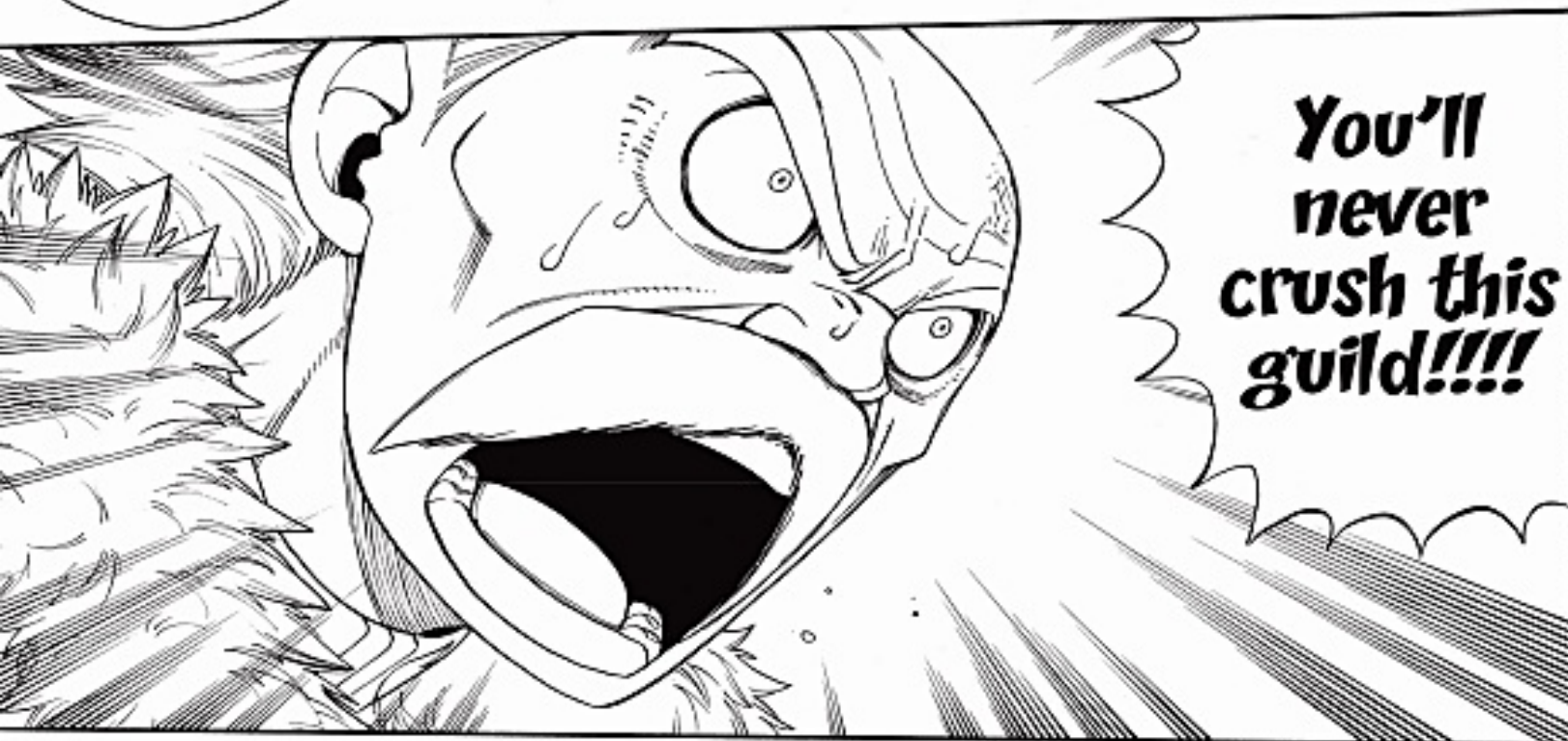
So you've
started to
say that,
brat?

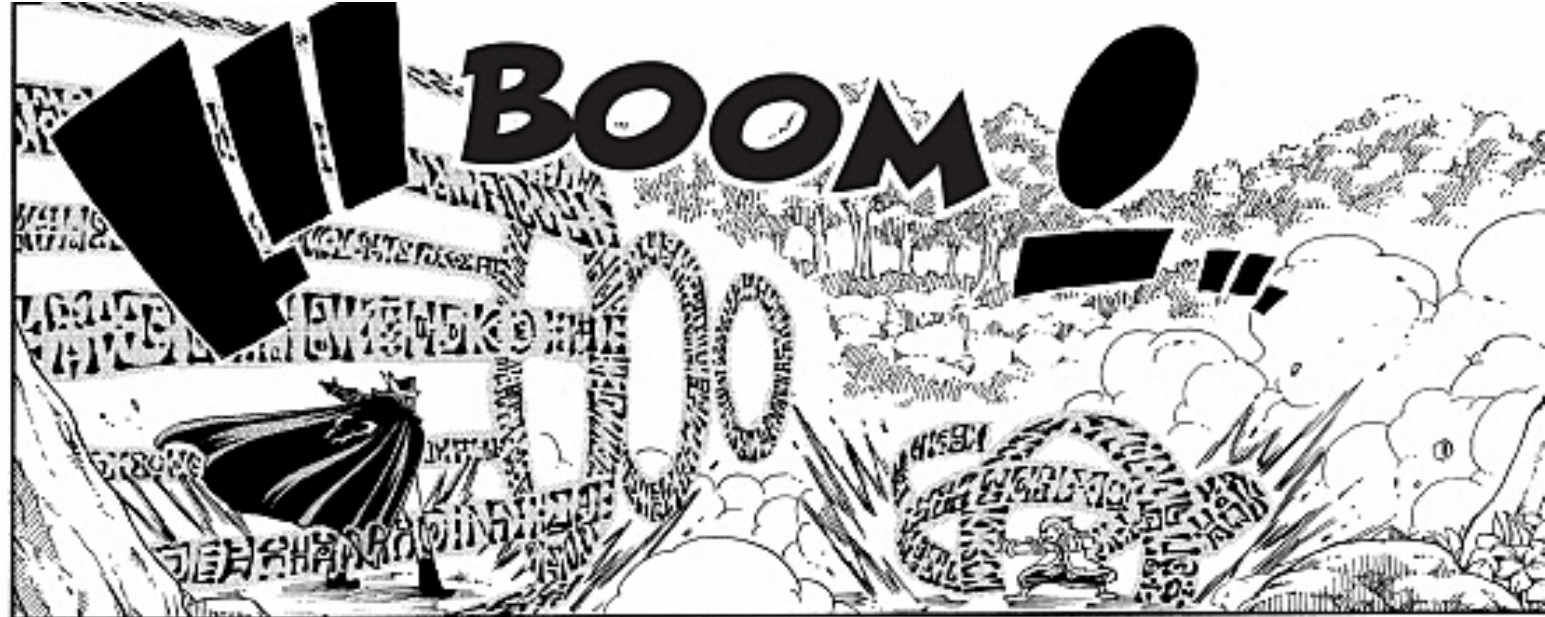


Whether
good or evil,
the spirit
of Fairy Tail
should never
change!



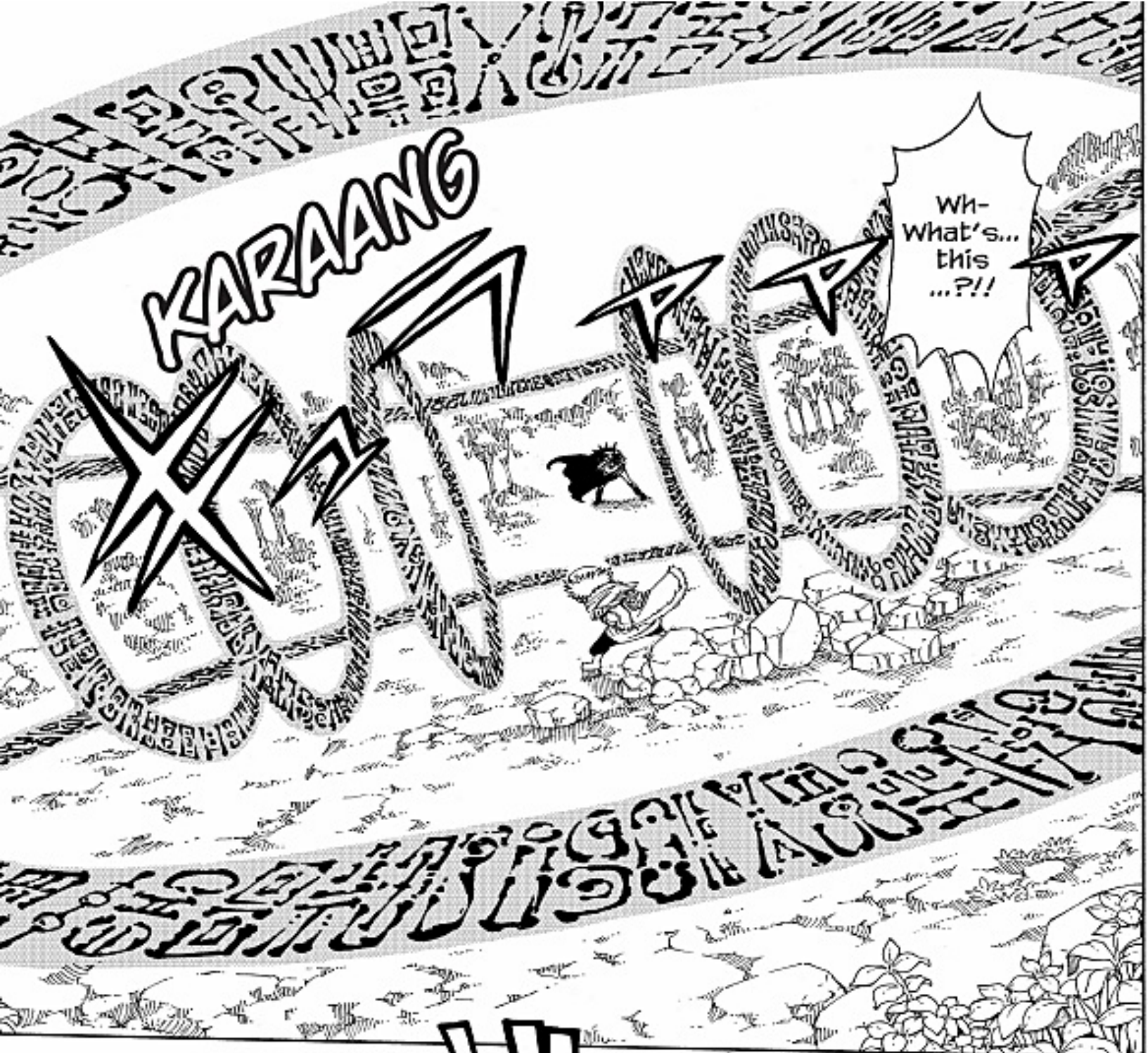
I must admit that it hurts me, however slightly...











Wh-
what's...
this
...?!!

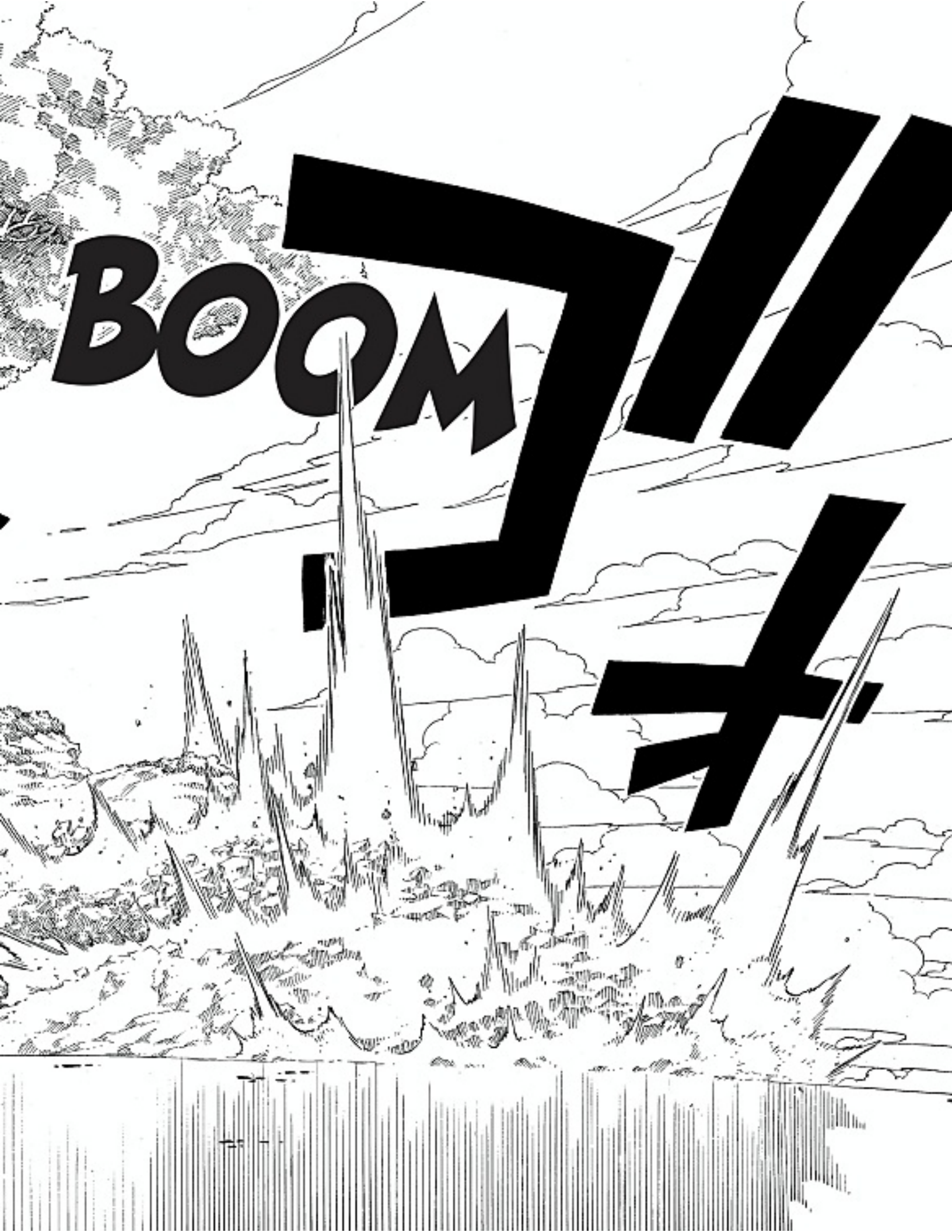


AMA-
TERASU,
FORM
100!

THE
THREE
DIVINE
PILARS
...

THE
GREATEST
OF THE
MAGIC
FORMS...

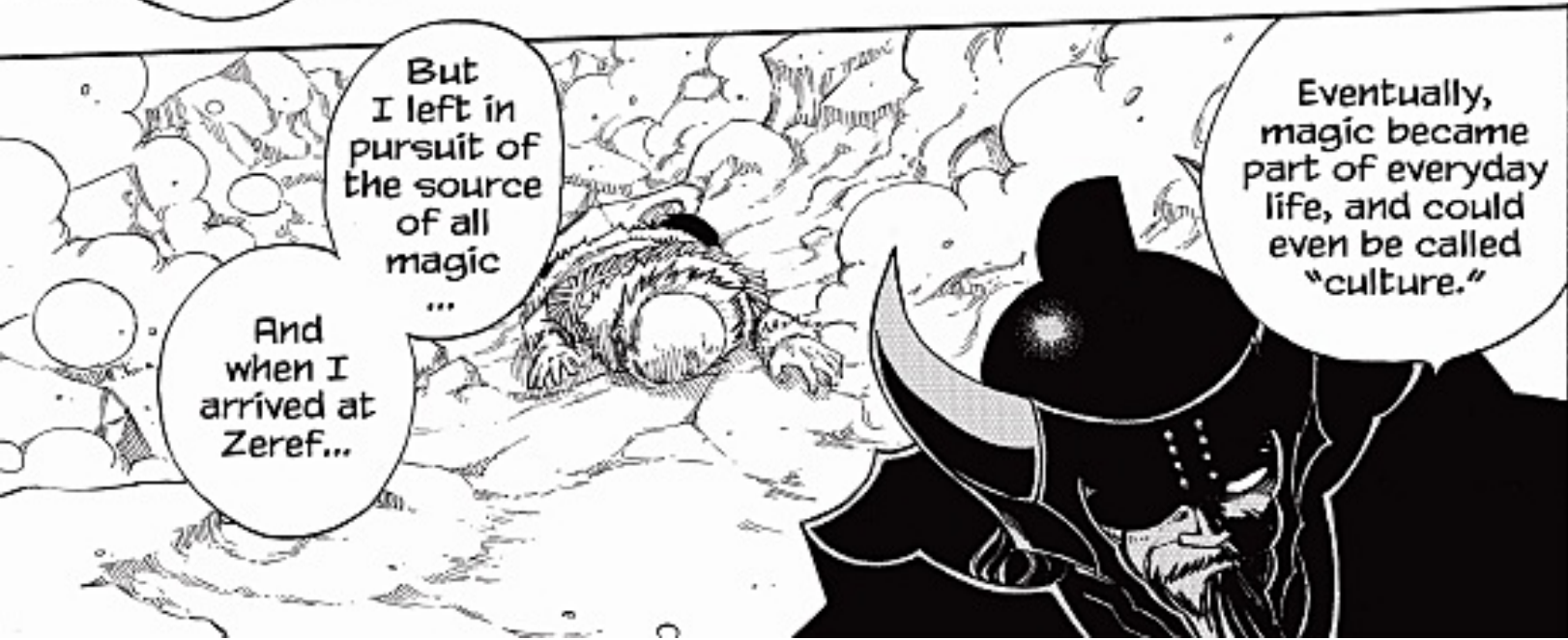




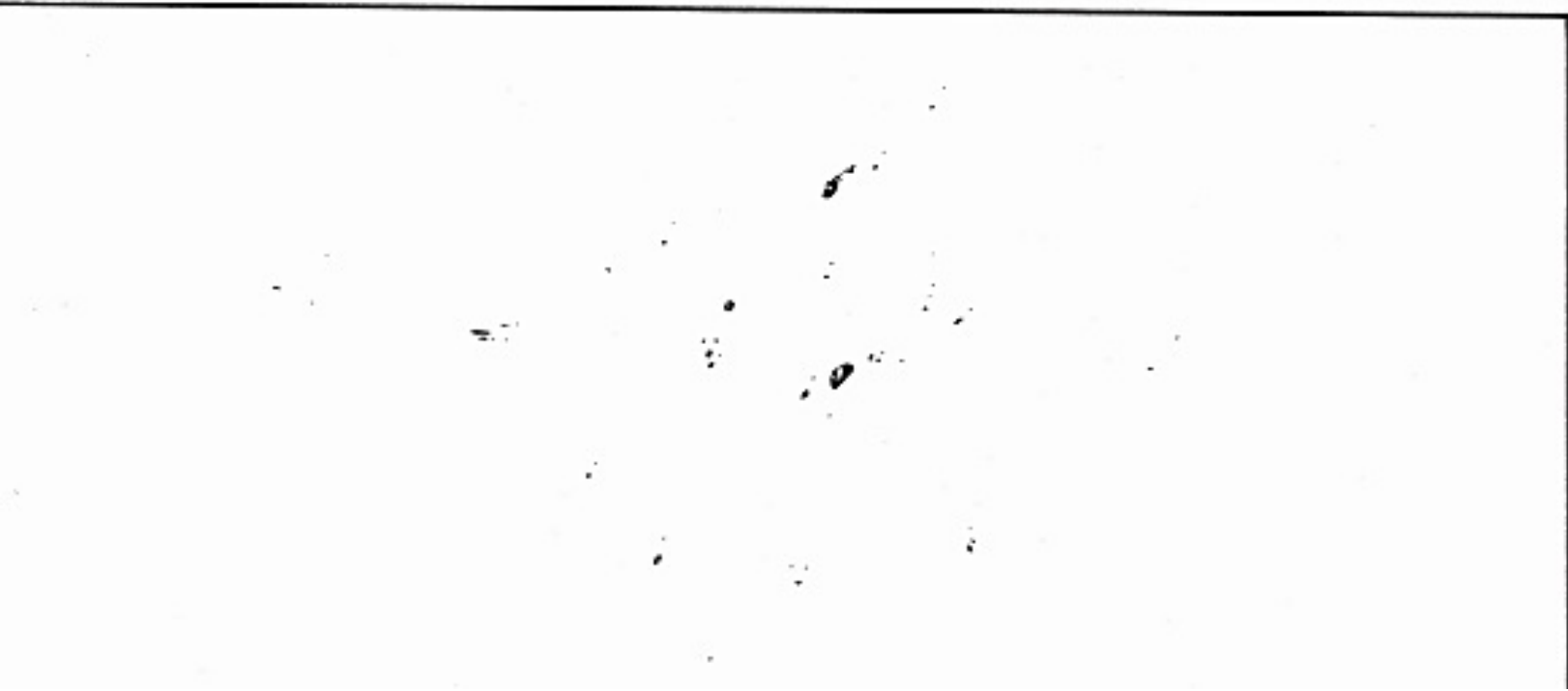
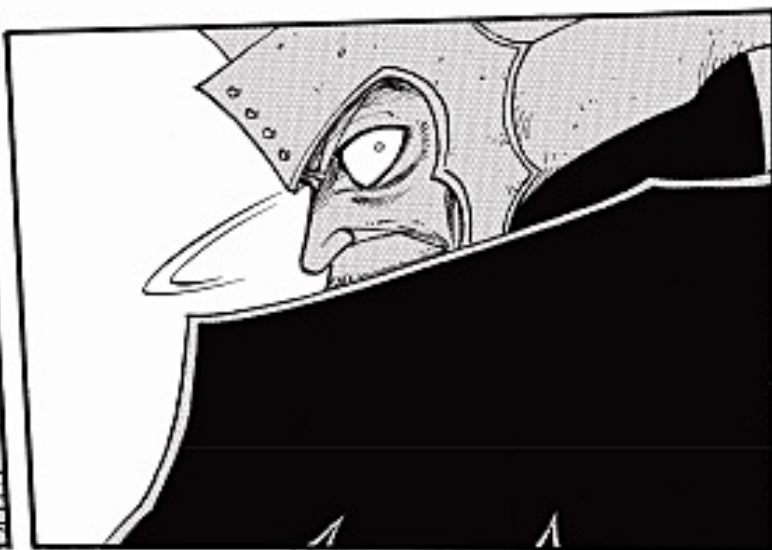
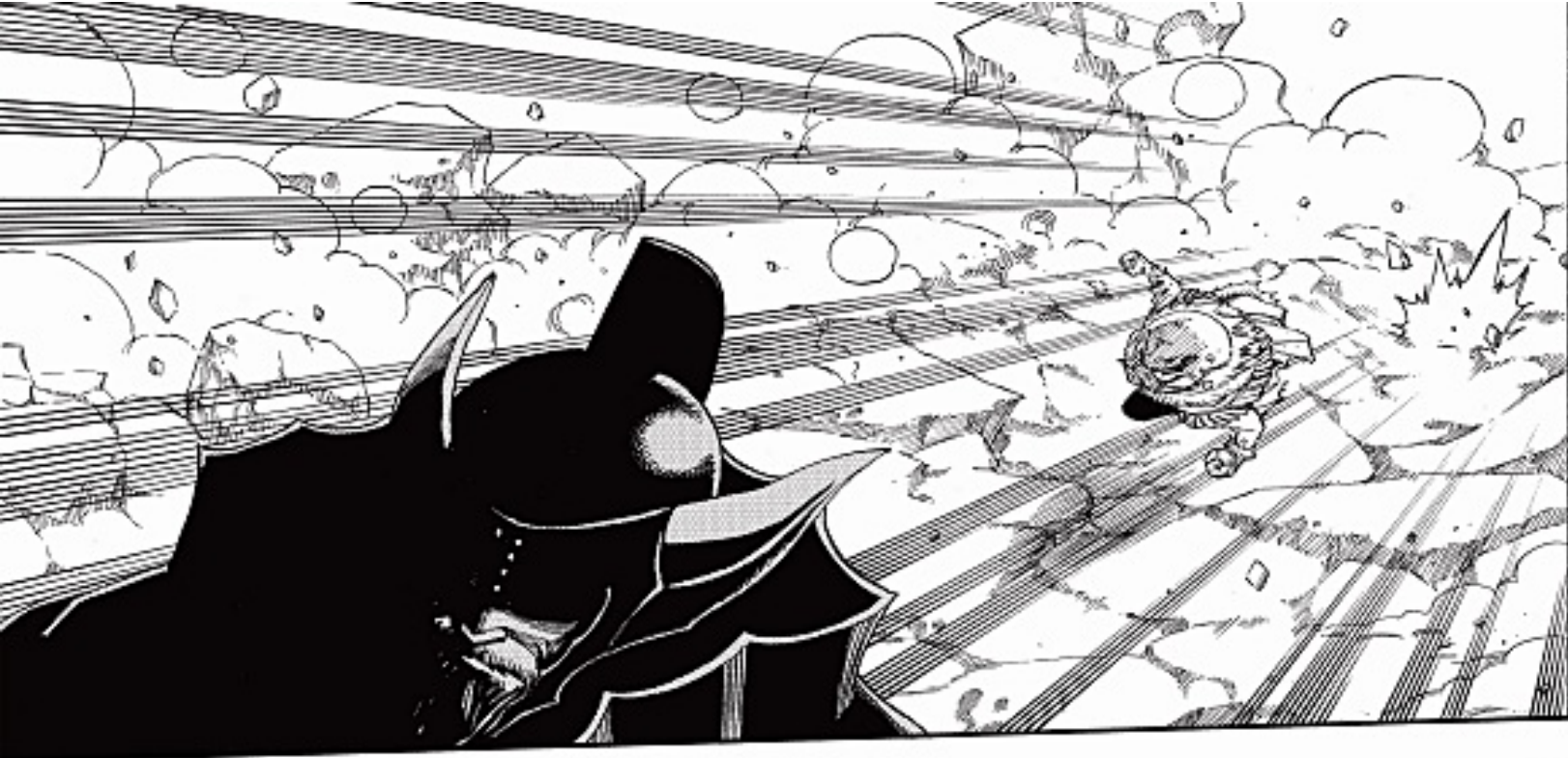










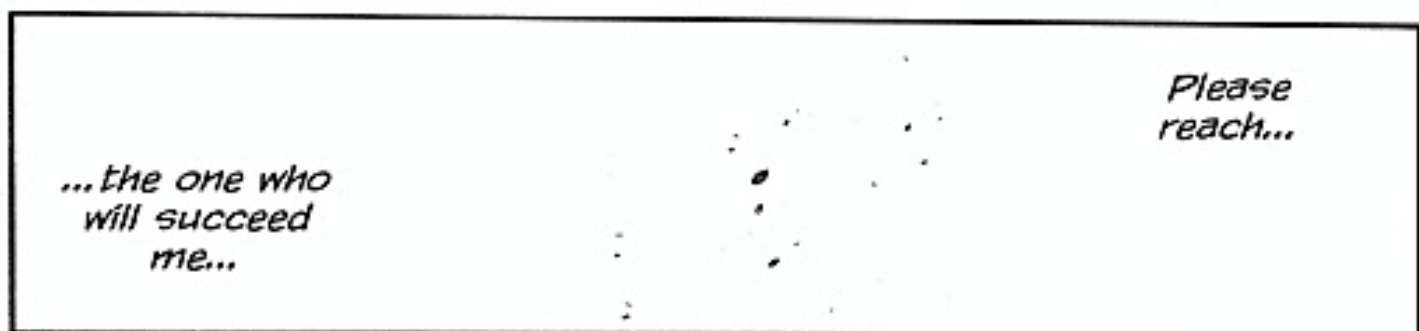






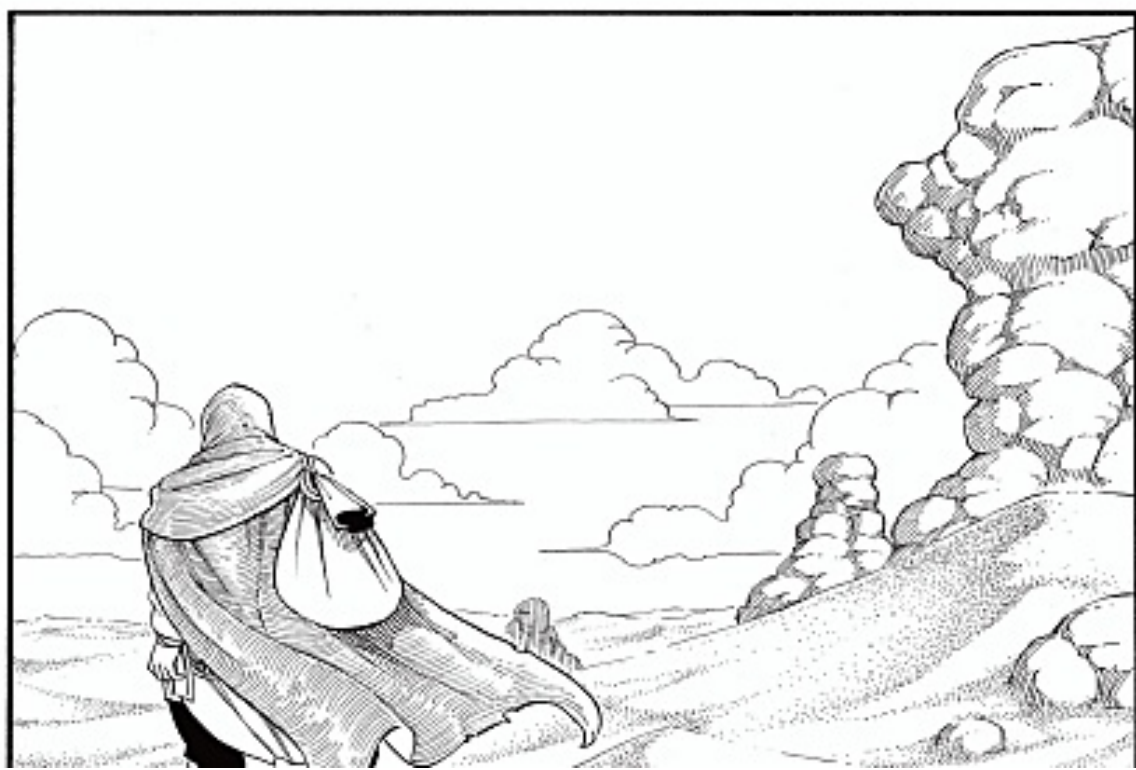
*It
can't...*

*...end
yet...*



*Please
reach...*

*...the one who
will succeed
me...*





What
is...

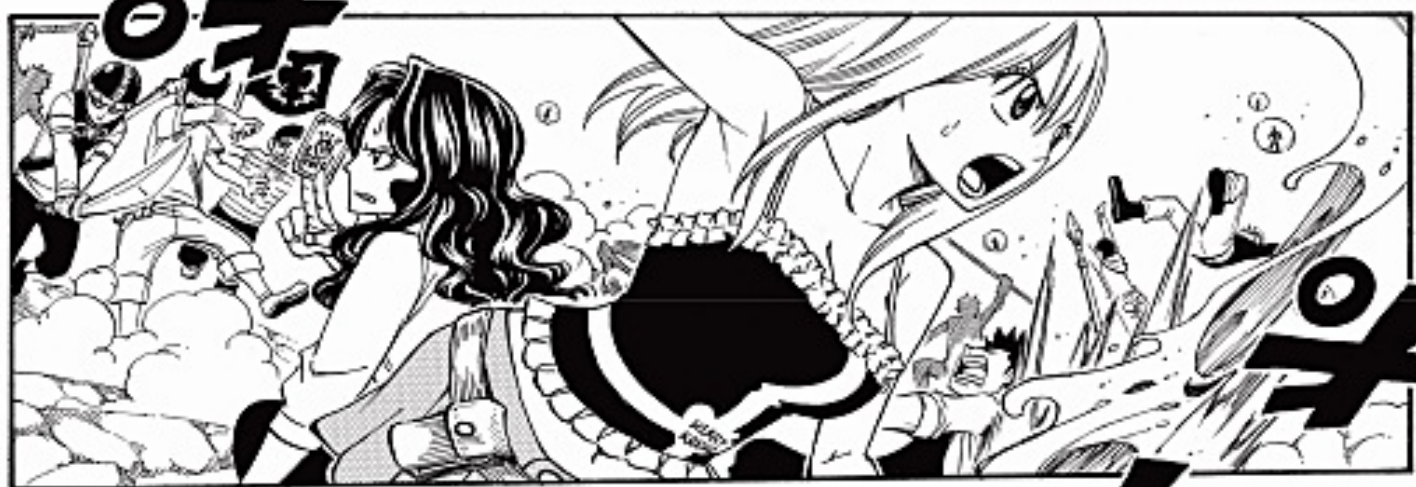
...this
unsettling
feeling?

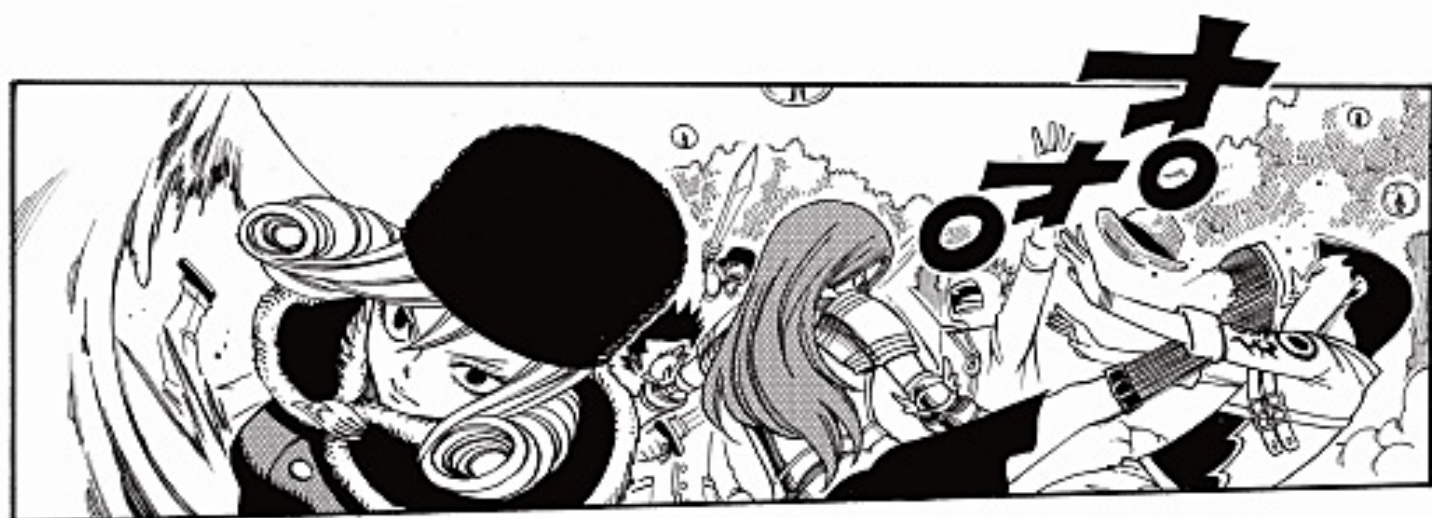
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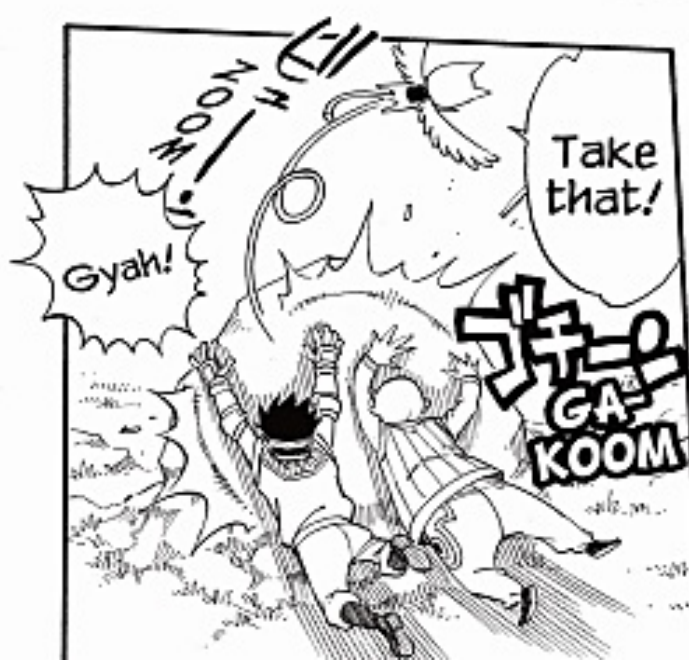
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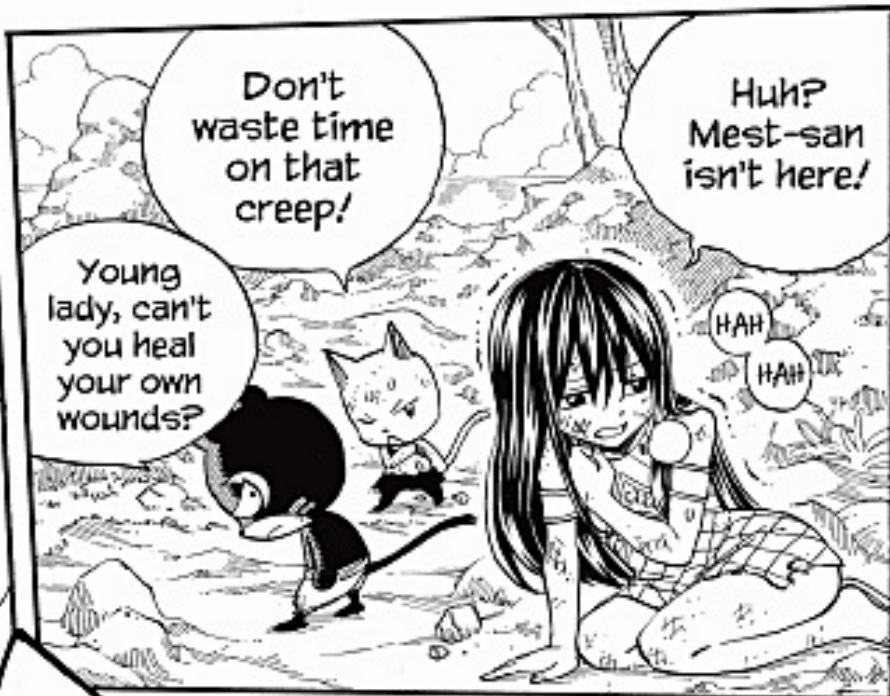
Chapter 217: Lost Magic













Now
we're
talkin'!



FIRE
BALLET!

キッ
BWOUGH



キッ
GOBBLE
BWOUGH



KARYŪ
NO*



That
means he's
that guy
we heard
about
...

Ate the
flames
?!

He...

Wha-
?!

*Fire Dragon's...

**YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**



"Wing Attack!"

BM

BM

BM

BM

BM

BM

BM



Wa ha!

I said
that's
enough!

That's
enough!



What
do we
do?

He's
good
...

H-He
just...



Zancrow-
sama!!



WA HA HA HA HA



Wa-
hee
hee
hee
hee!

You guys
got no
hope of
beating
him!





GWAH!

GAH!

WWW!!

AAUUA~

**Wa ha
ha ha ha
ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!**



**And
Grimoire
Heart
doesn't
need
weaklings
!!!!**

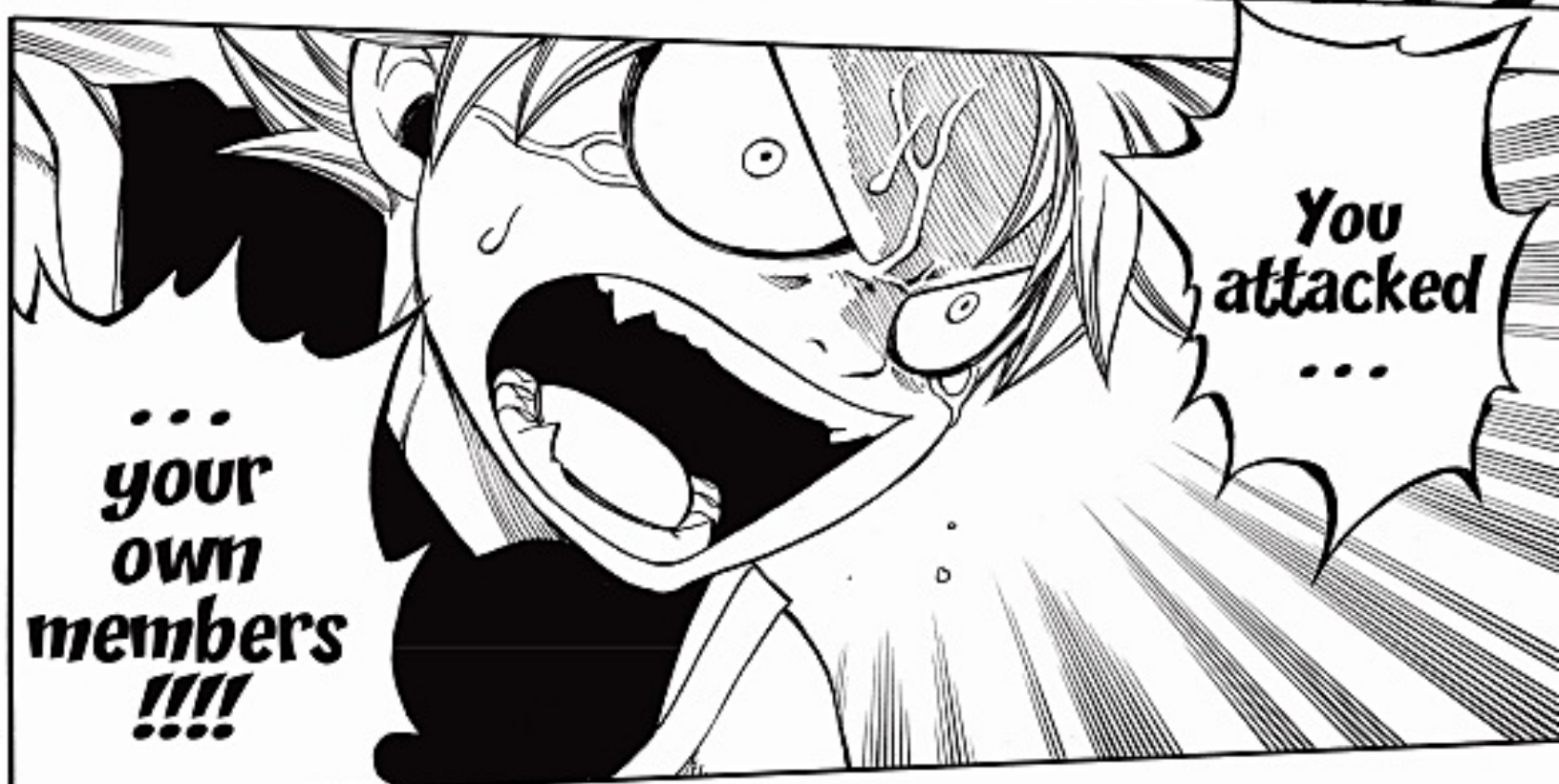
**BA
BOOFF**



Who is that
guy...



Black
fire
...?!!



...
your
own
members
!!!!

You
attacked
...



Wa
haaaah
!!!!



Natsu-san, no!!

I have a bad feeling about that fire!!



Fire doesn't work on me!!!!



Waaaaah!



You're out of your league, little dragon hunter!



I-I can't eat this!!!

What?! What is this fire?!!



There's a fire that is on a higher order than dragon fire! And if you try to eat the fire of the gods, you'll be punished!

Wee hee hee hee...



Flames that even a fire dragon slayer can't eat?!



Natsu!!!



**I am
a god
slayer!**

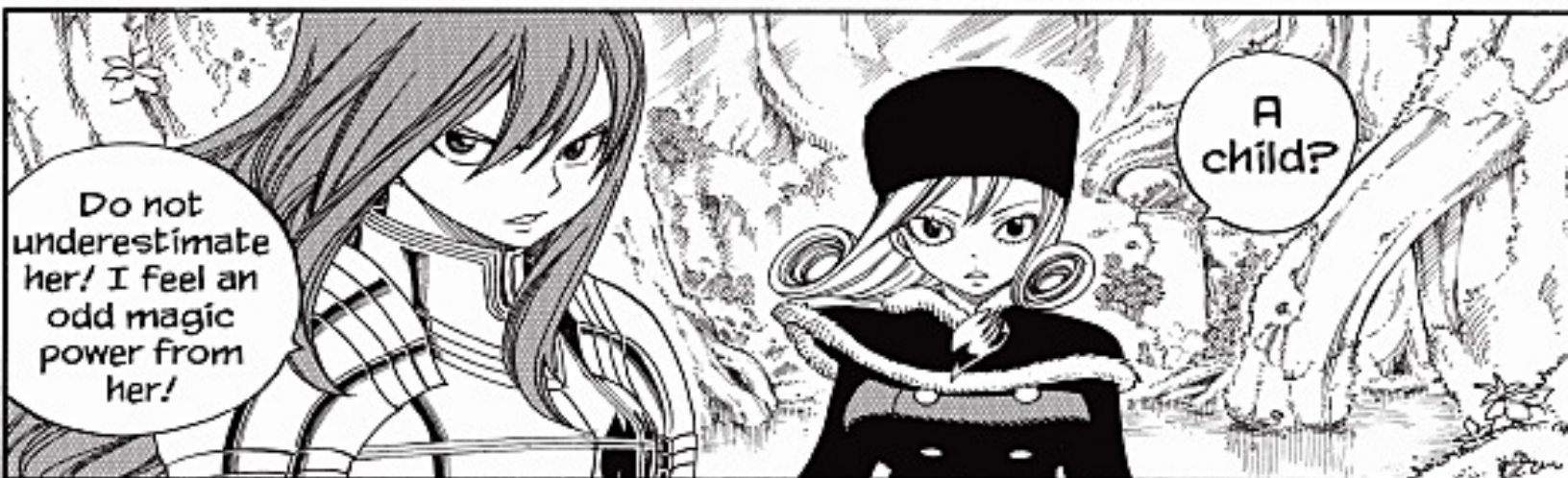
**Your magic
and mine
aren't even
in the same
class, you
know!**

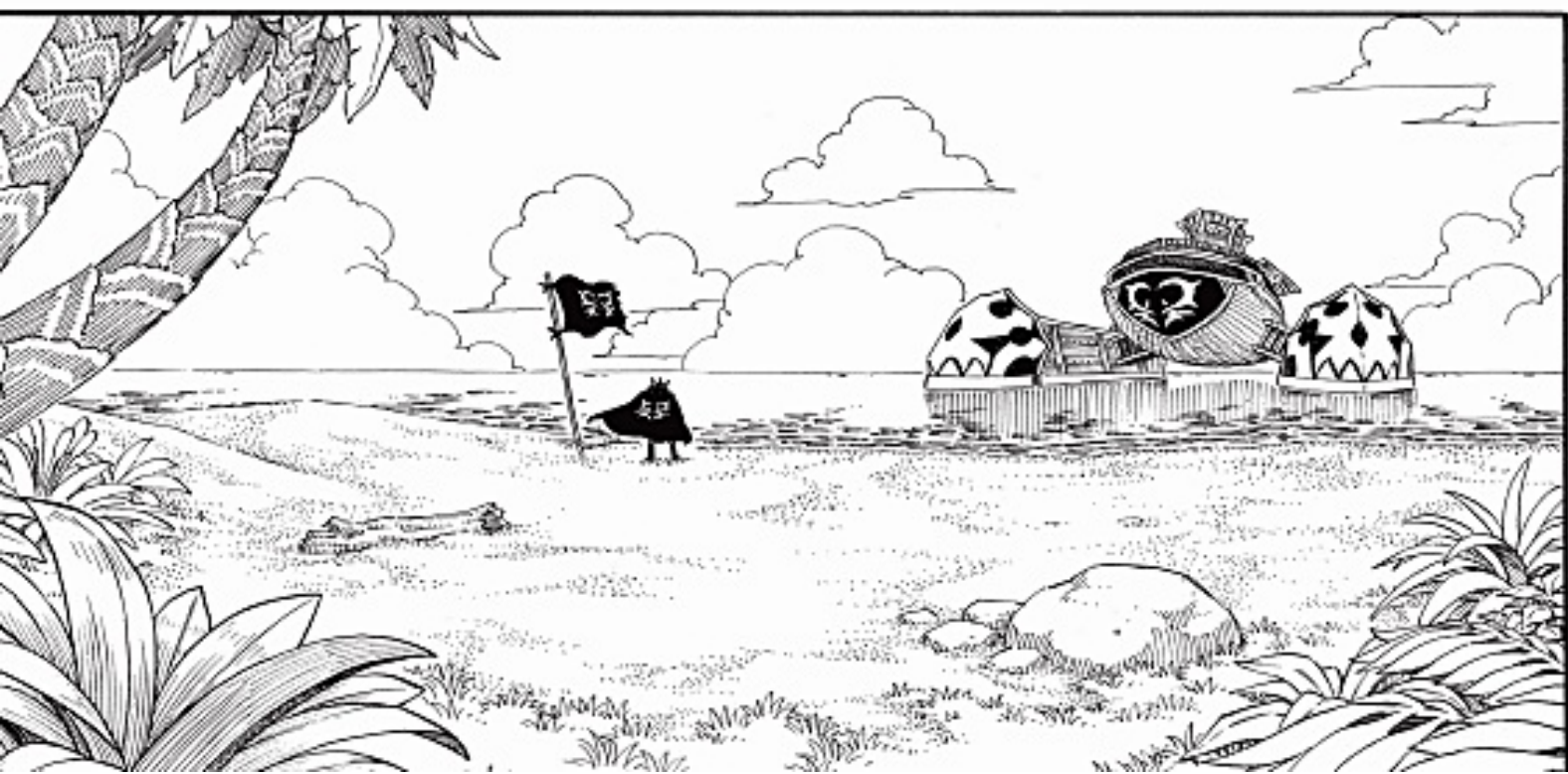
**I crush
gods!**













Makarov's
whelps have
no chance
against the
Seven Kin.



Their magic
is the closest
possible to
the source of
magic!



...into
great
wizards!

I have
taken
years
to raise
them...



**And
there is no
way to stand
against their
power!**

**They are
users of
the Lost
Magics!**

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Chapter 218: Fire Dragon vs. Flame God





What?! Then
you were taught
by a human
after all!

...then
yes, I use
Lost Magic
endowed
to me by a
god!

GWOOGH

If you can
call Master
Hades a
god...

VWOOSH

**DRAGON
SLAYER
MAGIC
!!!!**

Well,
I was
taught
by a *real*
dragon
!!!!

"Fire God's..."

Enjīn
no**
...

PWAA

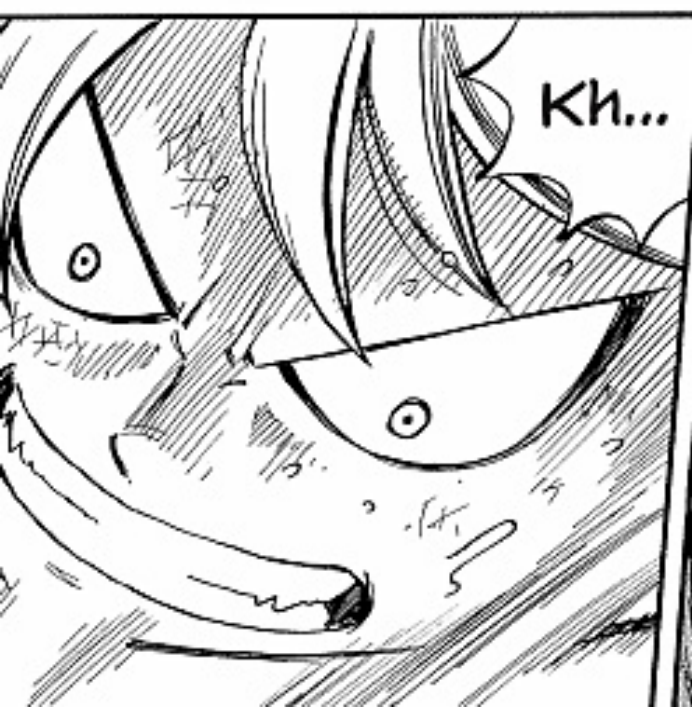
**F
W
O
M**

"Fire Dragon's..."

Karyū
no*
...



"Fire Goding!"



Kh...



Wee
hee
hee
hee!



*Gleaming Flame!



So this is a
clash between
dragon fire and
god fire?



This
heat is
unbeliev-
able!!

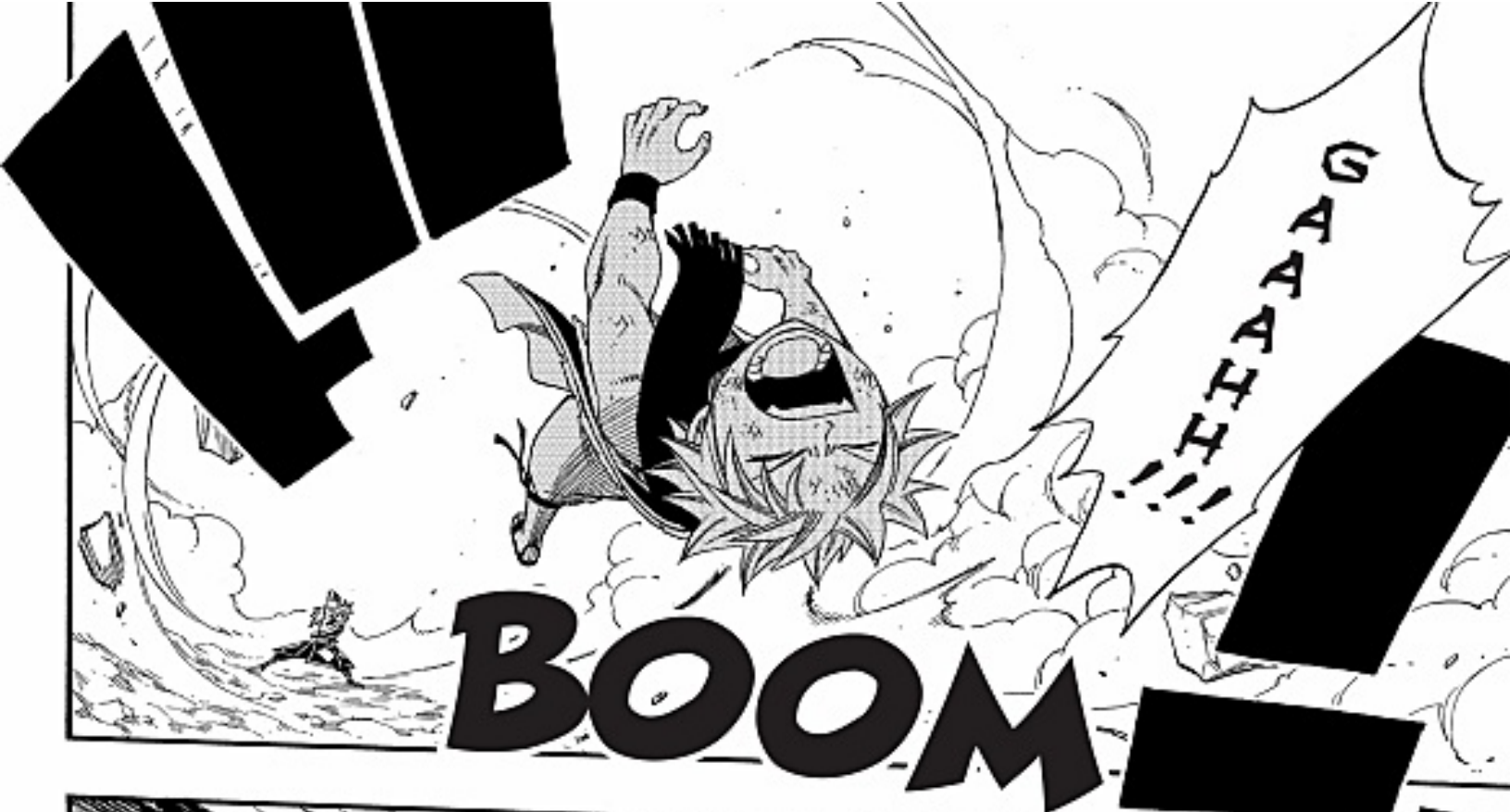


What
incredible
power!!



Whoa
!!











But even if
it's enough
to kill a
dragon...

...it
can't kill a
god!!!

A fire
that's
rough but
will never
burn itself
out!

That was
pretty
tasty
fire!

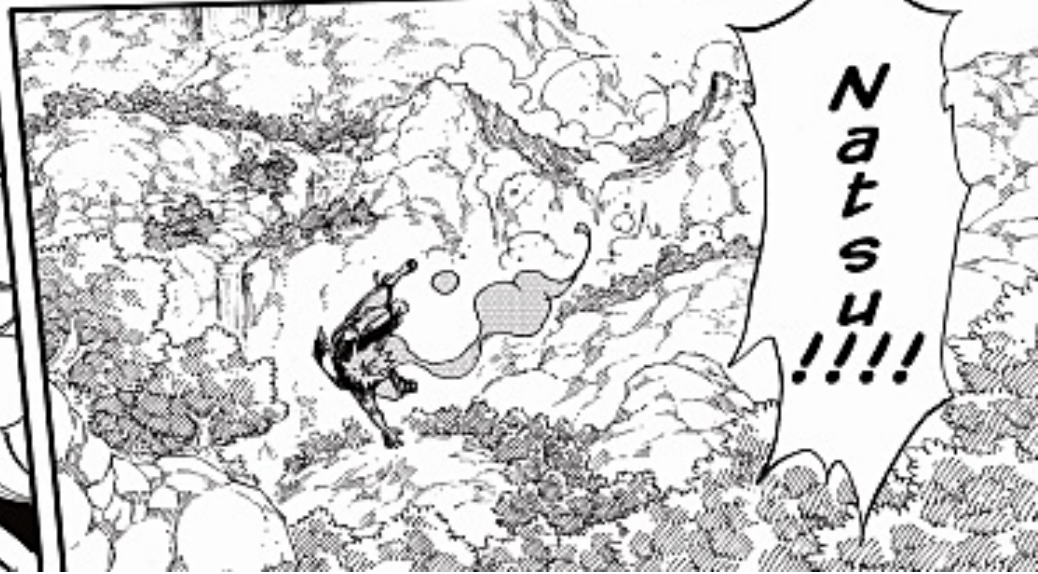
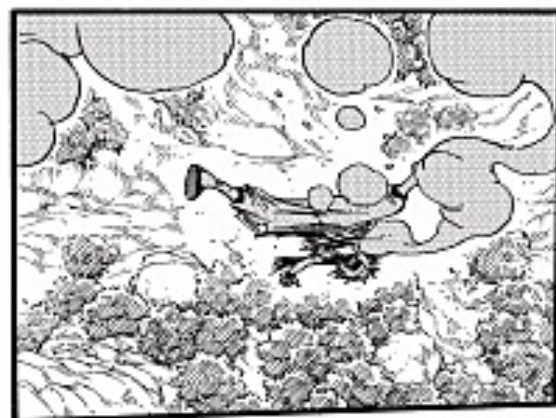
*Fire God's Howl!



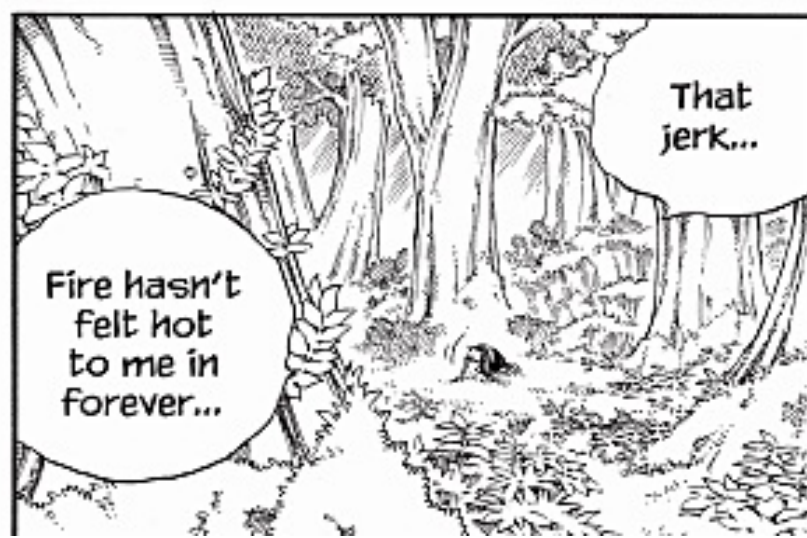
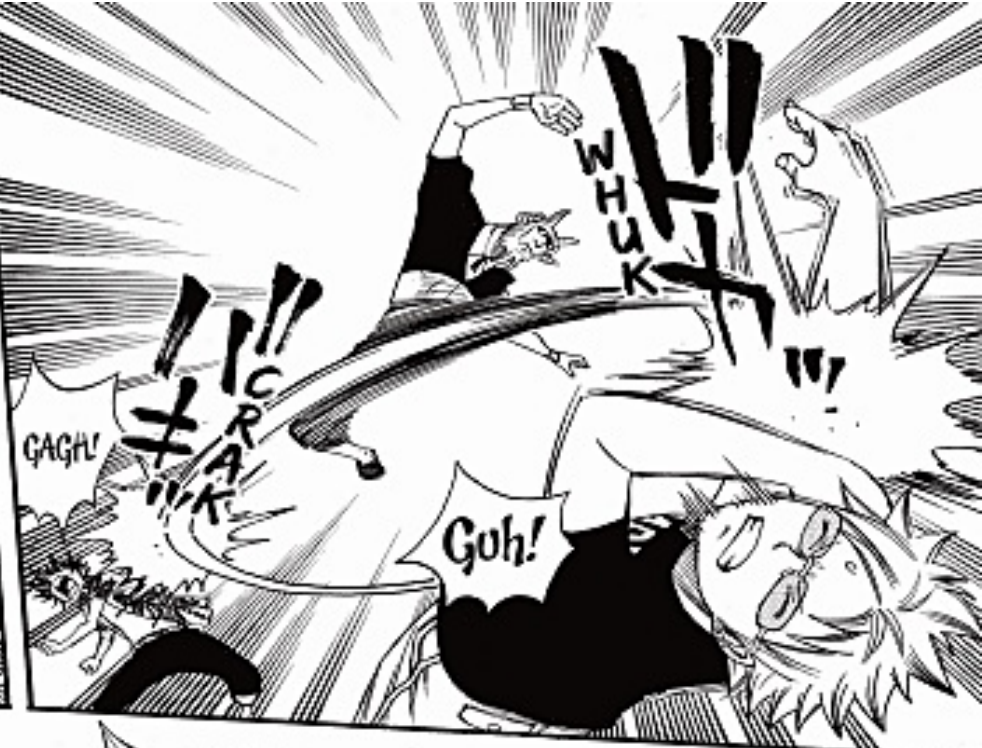
FLASH

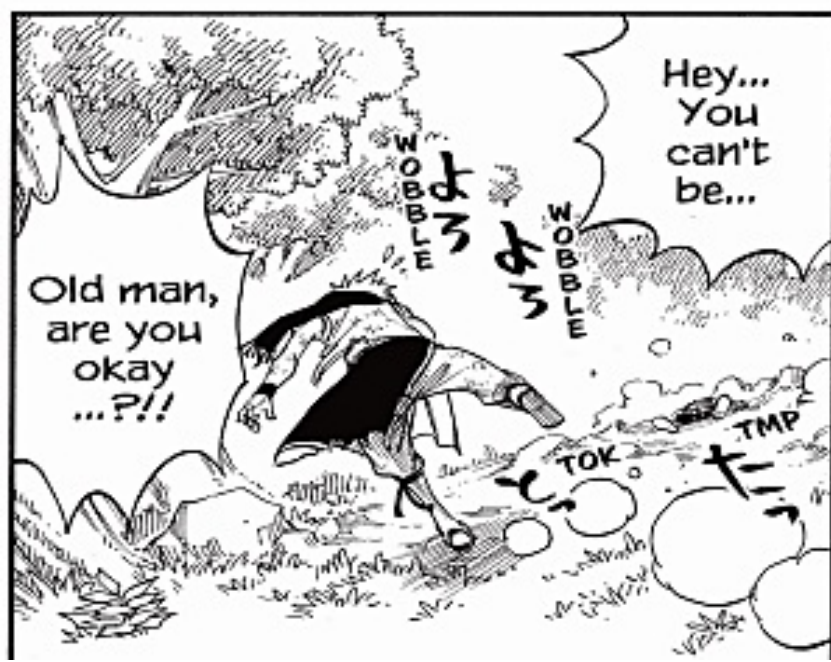
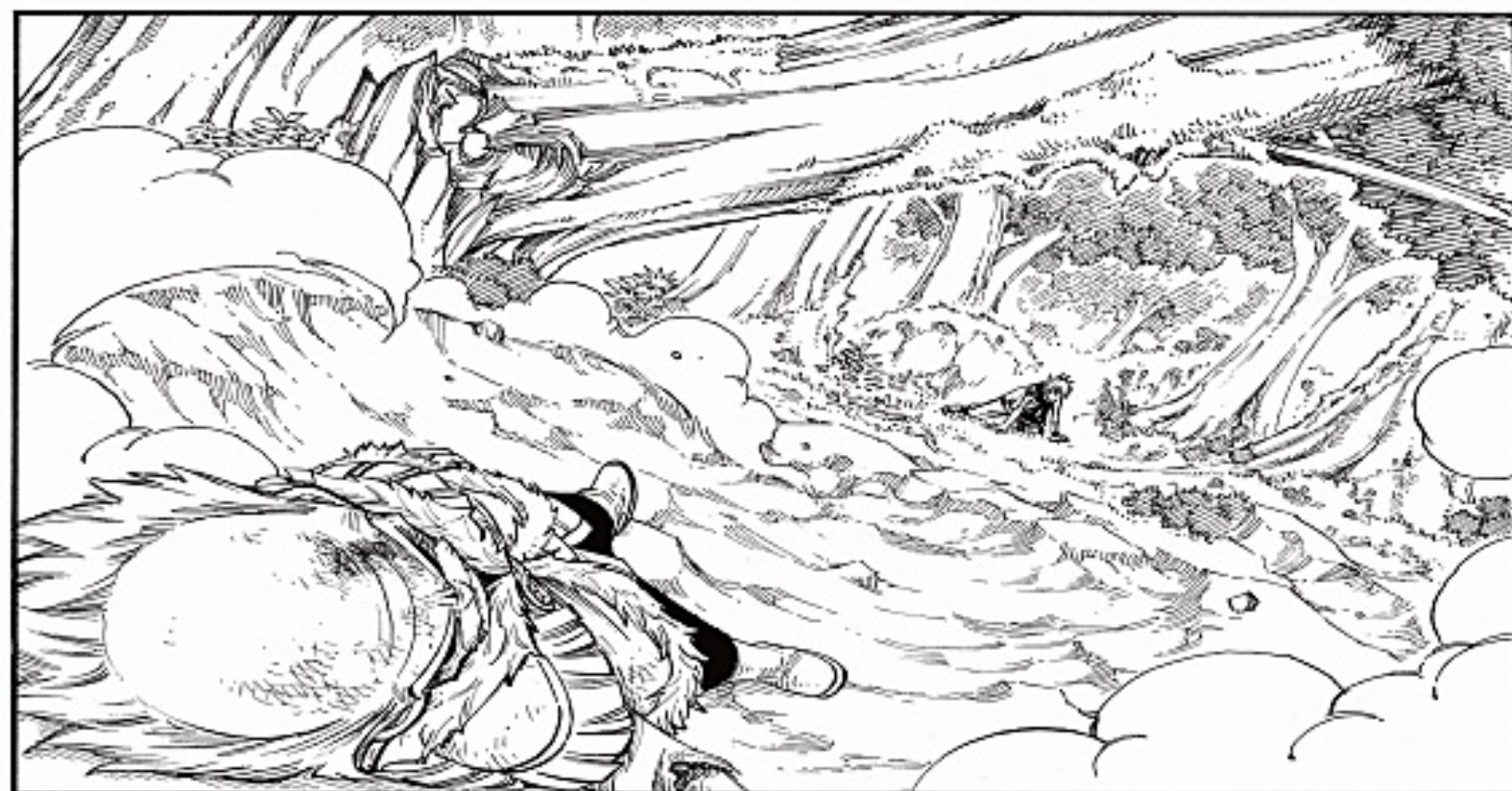
**This is the
magic of
Grimoire
Heart!!!!**

**ENJIN
NO
DOGÔ*
!!!!**









Just wait!!
I'll take you to
Wendy right now!!!
Hold it, maybe I
shouldn't move
you...?!

Old man!!
Dammit...!!
You're hurt
bad!!

Just wait!!
I'll take you to
Wendy right now!!!
Hold it, maybe I
shouldn't move
you...?!

Old man!!
Dammit...!!
You're hurt
bad!!

Is that... Natsu ...?

GHAH!

KOFF KOFF

Is that... Natsu ...?

GHAH!

KOFF KOFF

Is that... Natsu ...?

GHAH!

KOFF KOFF

...we don't stand a chance of winning!

...we don't stand a chance of winning!

Natsu

Listen close...

Natsu

Listen close...

I don't believe this...!!
Who did this to you?!!

Who gave you... those wounds ...?

Wh-What are you talking about, old man!!!!

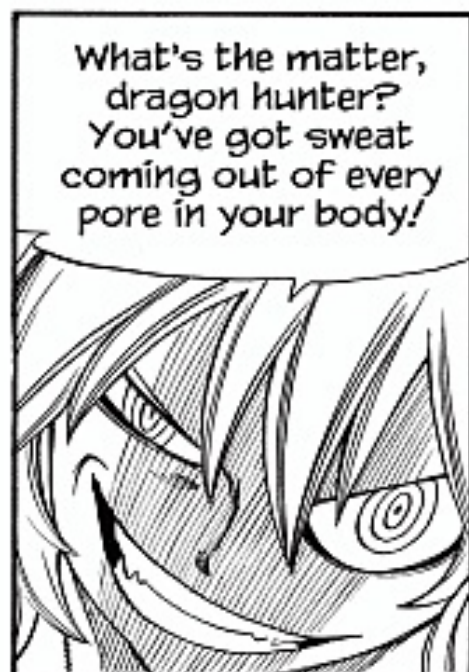


Who gave you... those wounds ...?

Wh-What are you talking about, old man!!!!







*"It's about
knowing
your own
weaknesses."*

*"Fear is
not an
evil."*

Natsu...

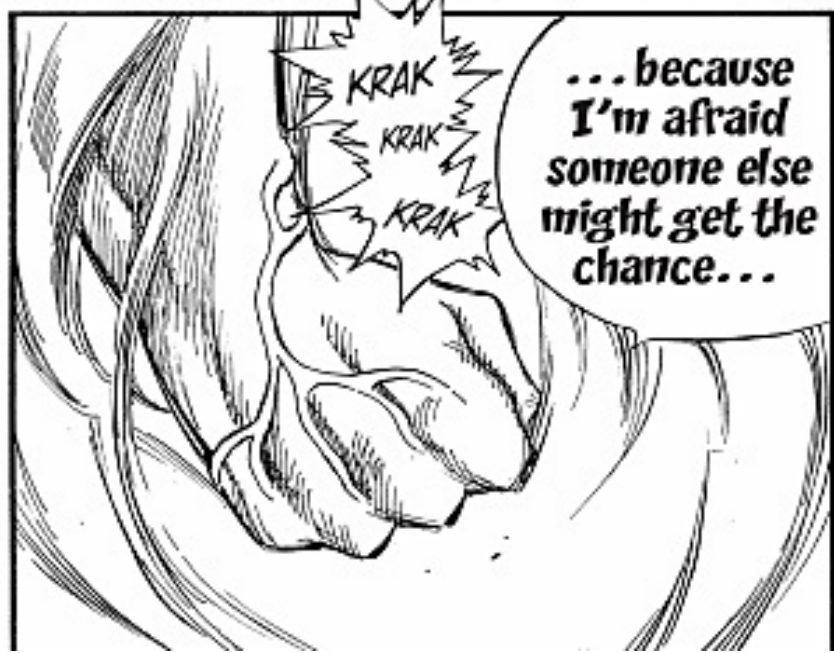
This
is...

...fear
...?!!

When
standing
before
ultimate
power, man
can only
stop and
shiver!!!!

Wa ha ha
ha ha!!!!
That's
right!!!!
What you're
feeling is
fear!!!!







**I'll take
down
Master
Hades with
my own
hands!!!!**

**I won't
let you
bastards
get away
with this
!!!!**



**Chapter 219: The Dragon God's
Gleaming Flame**







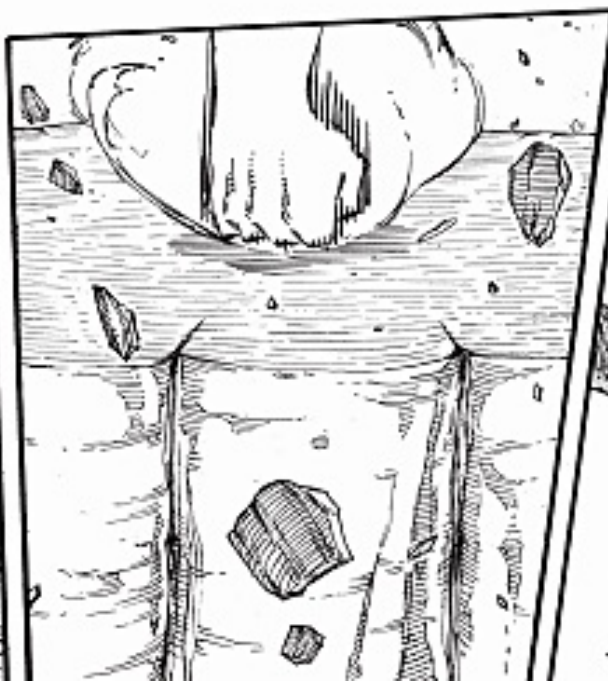
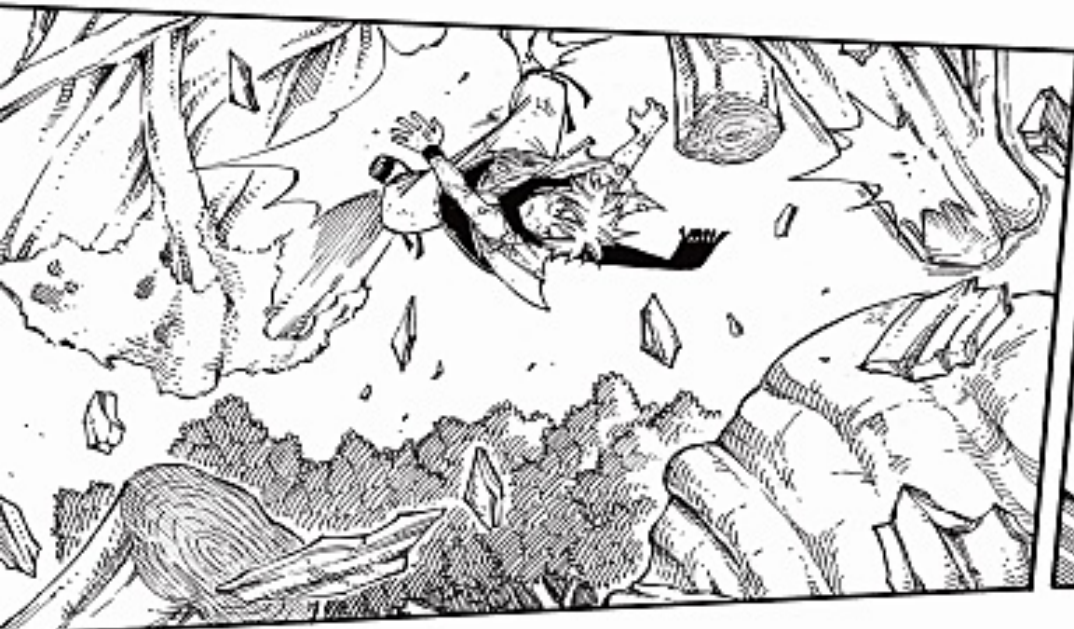




God's flame
doesn't just
burn...



It's
a halberd
of righteous
flame that
destroys
everything
!!!!



**N
W
A
H
!!!!**

**F
G
A
H!!**

**M
H!!**



The gods
told me they
love to eat fire
wizards!



Wa
ha
haaa
!!!



**ENJIN NO
BANSAN*
!!!!**

BOOF

*Fire God's Meal!!!



Natsu
...



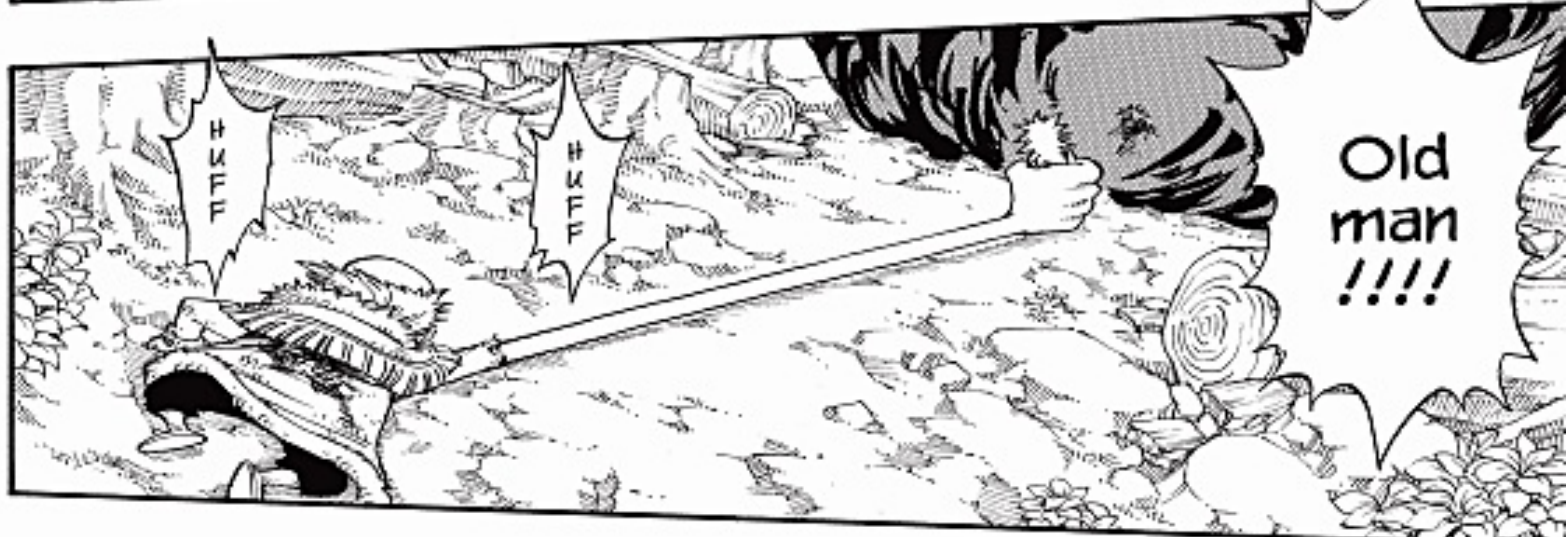
Once you're
engulfed
in these
flames, it's
over...

You
won't
get out
until
you're
ashes!



G W A A A H !









Stop
it, old
man!!!!

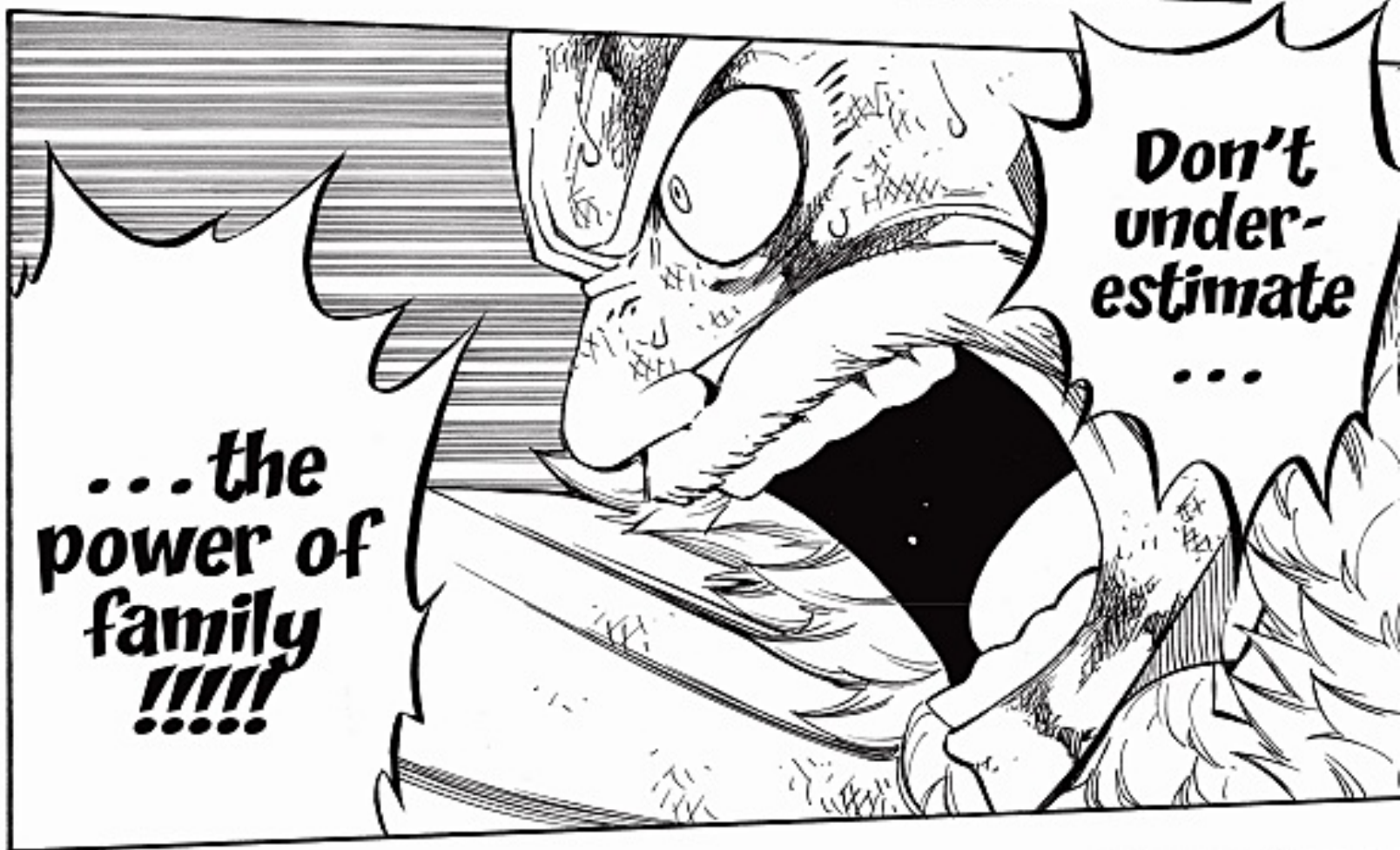


Stupid
old...

G
N
G



You
think
I'd let
go...?



...the
power of
family
!!!!

Don't
under-
estimate
...





Will it be
the dragon
hunter,
Makarov or
me...





Wa hahh!
It was the
dragon
hunter who
fell first!!!!

Natsu's
magic
power
vanished
...?!









**RYŪJIN
NO
KÔEN*
!!!!**



We are
all going
home
together!

**Dragon God's Gleaming Flame!!!*

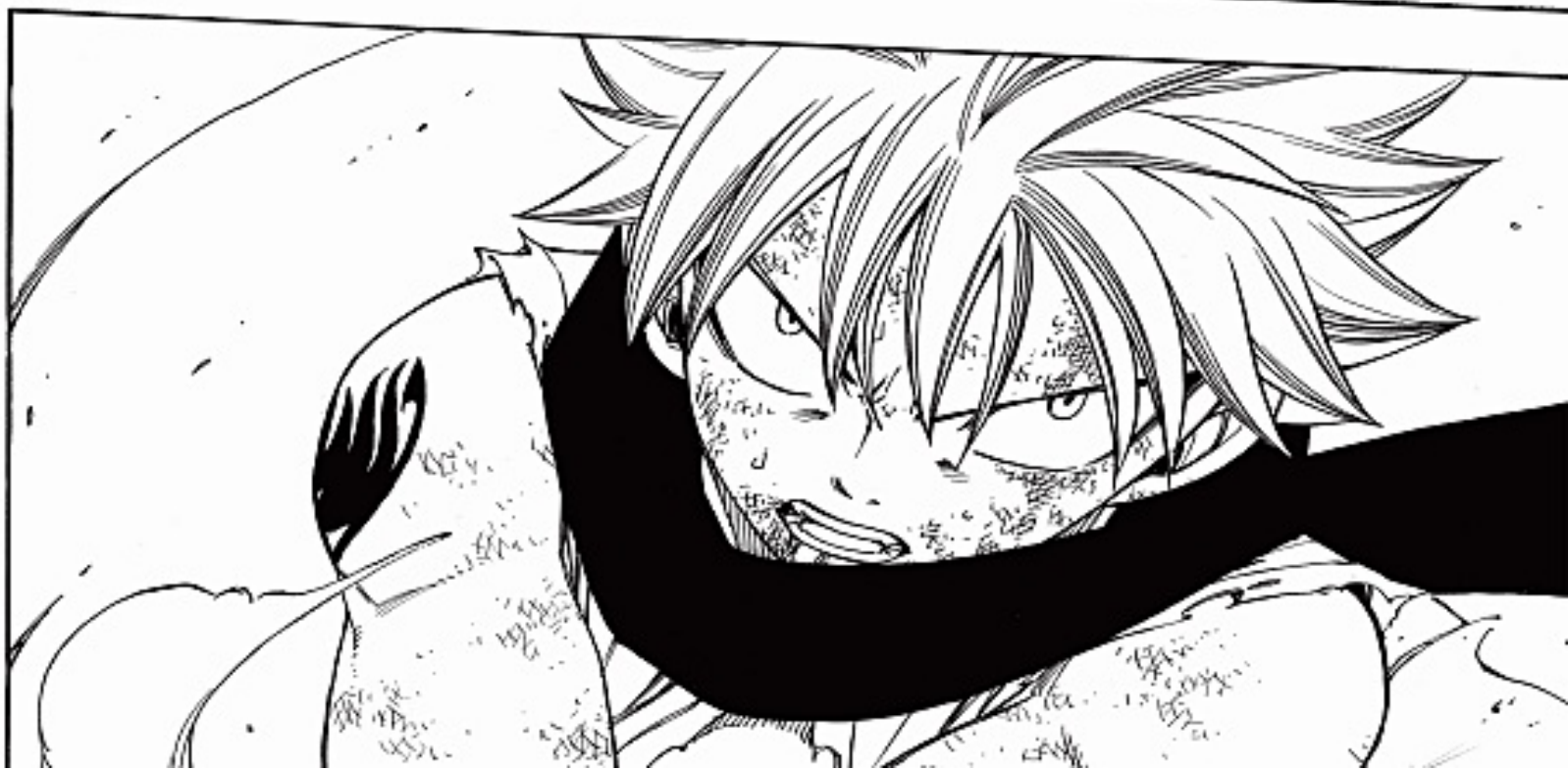


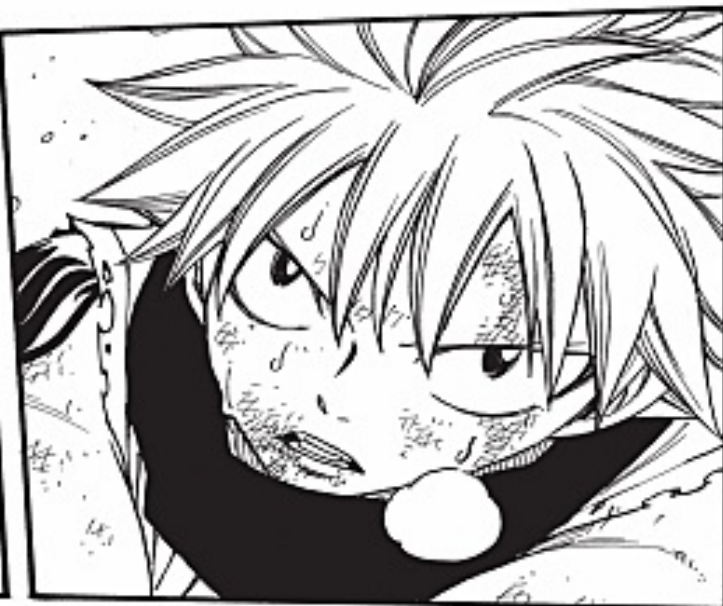
Back
to Fairy
Tail...

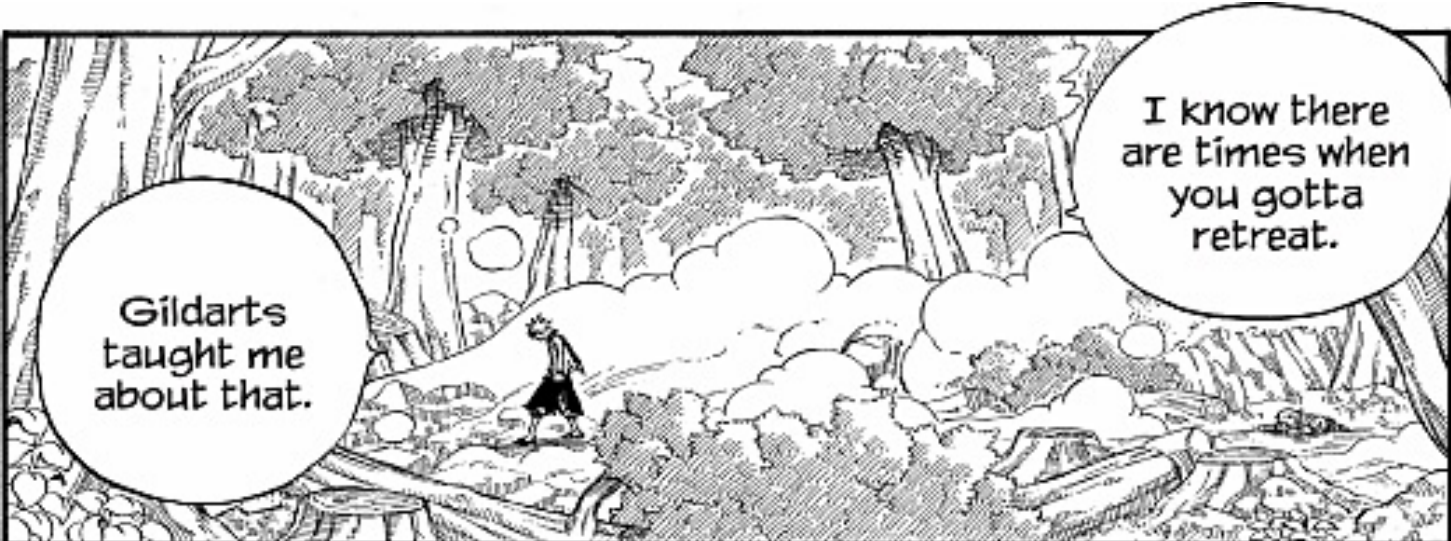


Join
together
!!!!

Flame of
dragons
and gods
!!!!







Gildarts
taught me
about that.

I know there
are times when
you gotta
retreat.



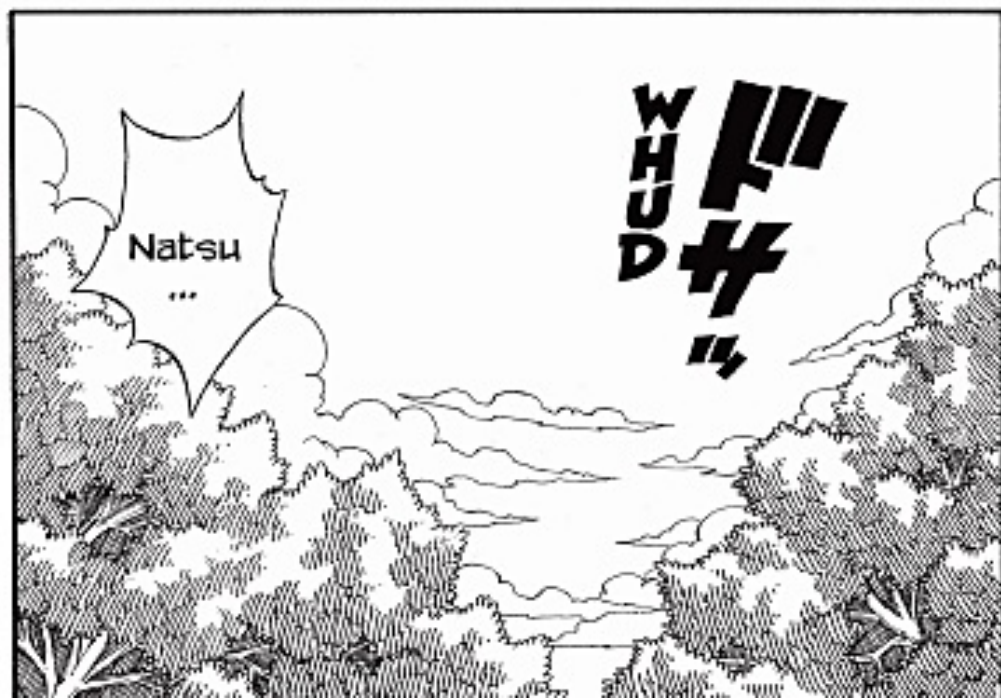
But this
ain't one
of those
times!



...and
teach
them a
lesson!



We gotta
take those
guys beatin'
up on Fairy
Tail...





Mira!!
What
about
Satan
Soul?!



I just can't seem
to work up to full
power fighting
kids and girls.



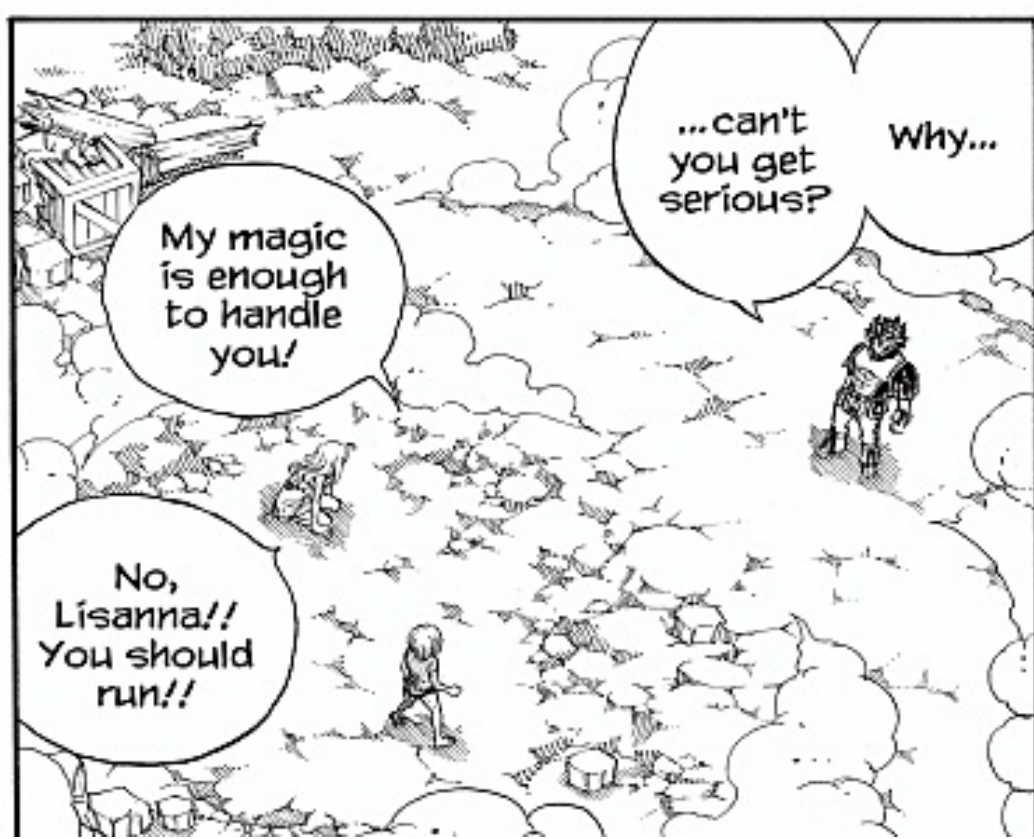
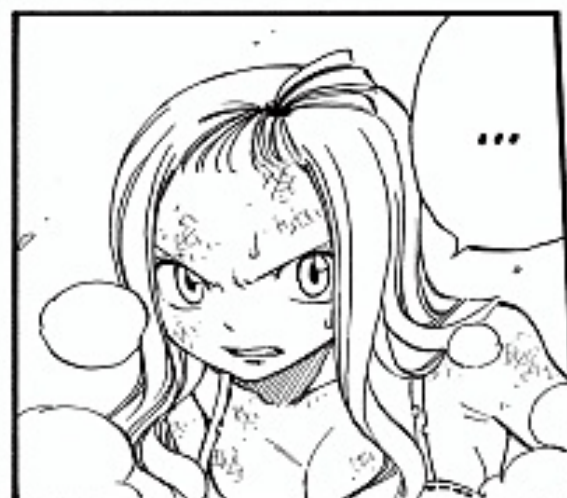
Waaah
!



I can't
just use
that magic
over and
over!



Ack
!!



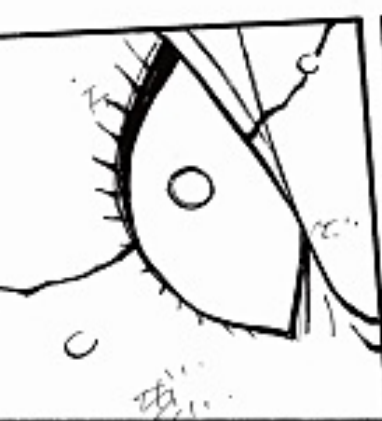






GWOH!

KAWAZU









Let
Lisanna
go!!



I haven't
been this
excited in a
long time!

You're
strong!

I knew
you would
be!



AUGH
!!

KRAKAAK

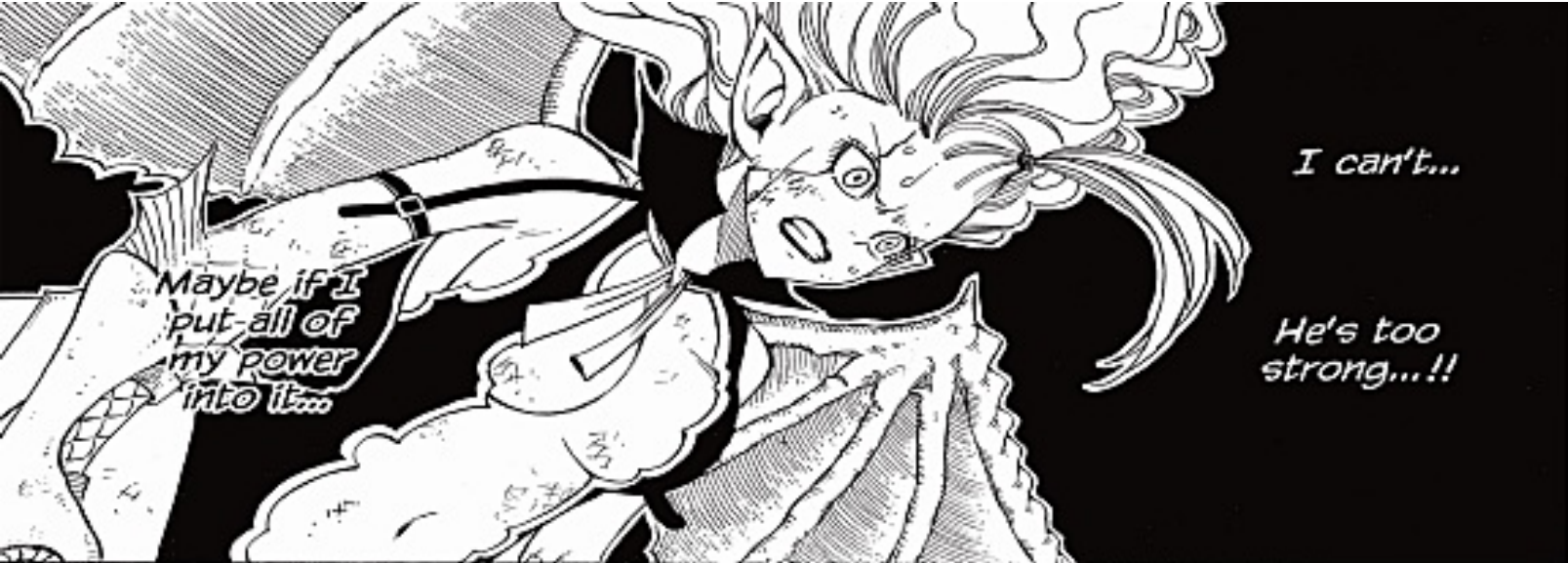
What are
you looking
away for
?!!!





You're just
what I hoped
for... Let's
have fun,
Mirajane!





Maybe if I
put all of
my power
into it...

I can't...

He's too
strong...!!

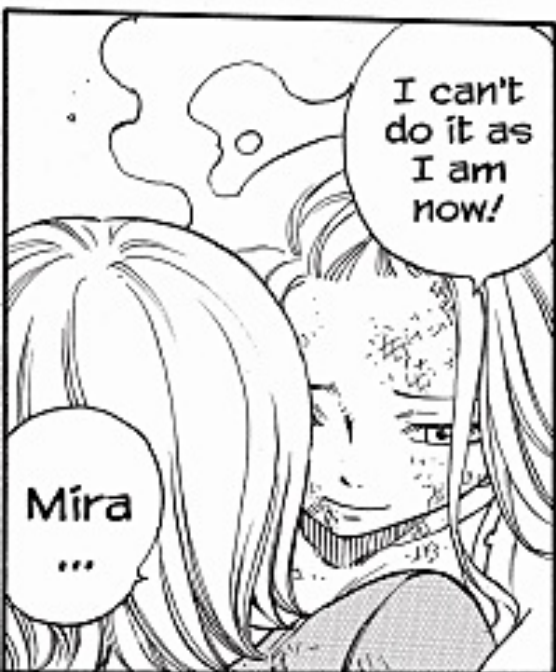


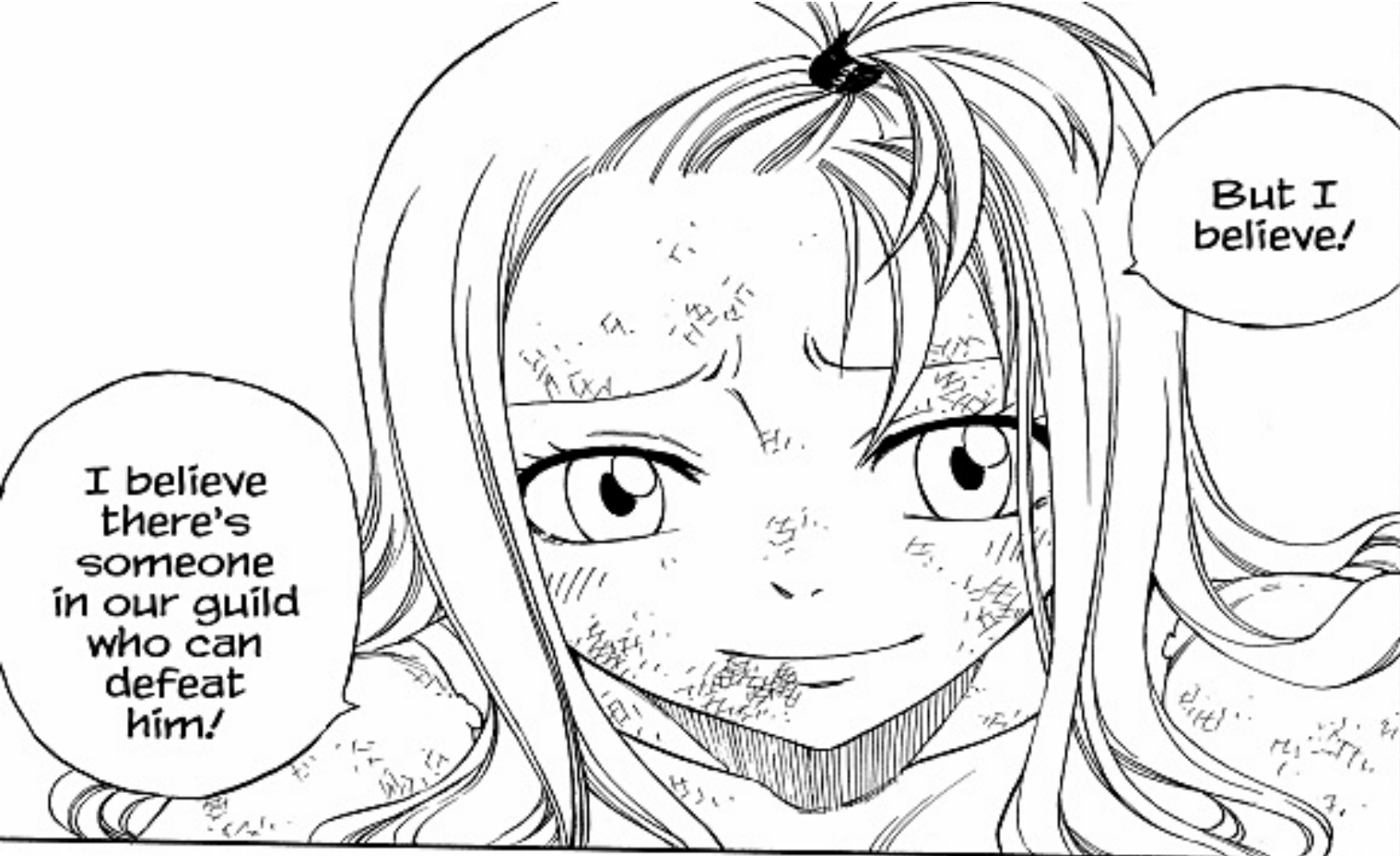
Mira
!!



What do
you think
you're
doing
?!







I believe
there's
someone
in our guild
who can
defeat
him!

But I
believe!



...Mira
...?

...are
you
saying
...

What...



1

Lis-
anna!



...there's
nothing
to worry
about!



Your big
sister is
surrendering
here, but...



*M
i
r
a
!!!!*

!!!

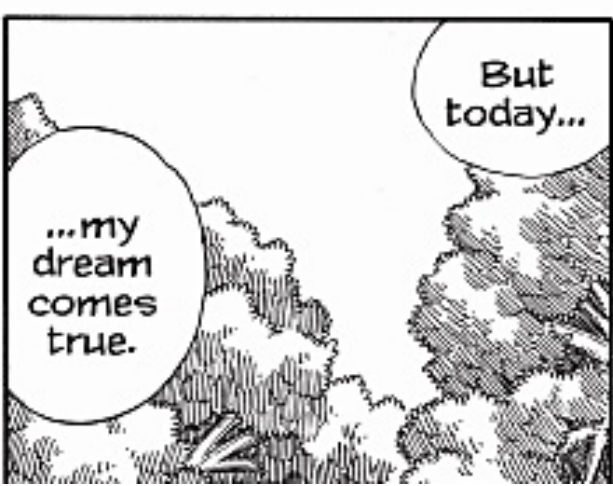


I will not
lose you
a second
time!

BOOOOON!





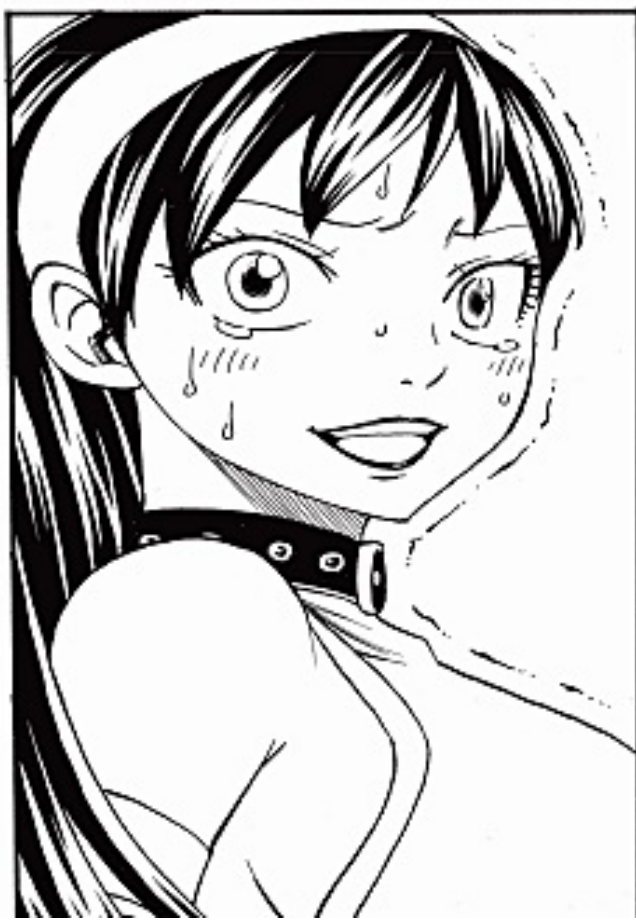


...I can be saved.

If I can get my hands on Zeref...



It is a sad thing...





*... to
make
...*

*... me
angry...*

ROAR

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 221: The Great Magic World



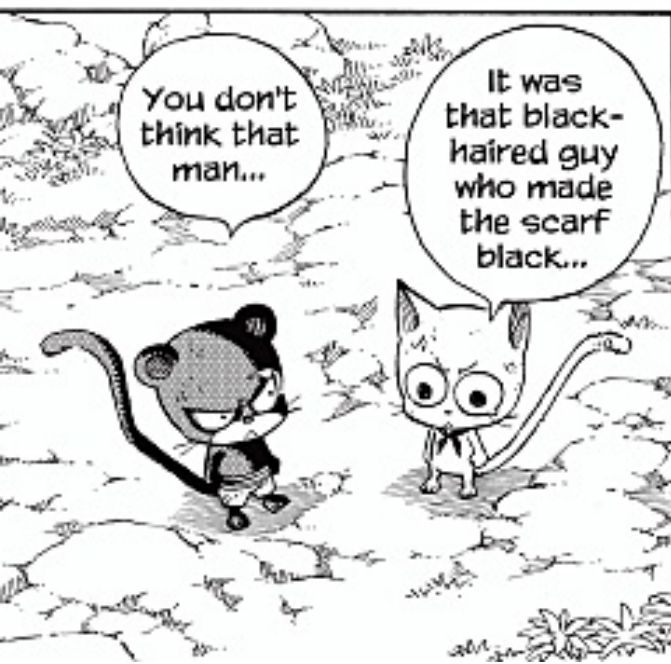


It looks like the master's wounds are too deep. I don't think that even Sky Magic can help with these...



I don't understand why it wouldn't work on Natsu. Probably something is interfering with the healing.











*He doesn't
want to see
any more war
or death?*



Stop your
attack on
this island
and leave
now!



*Is this
Zeref? Is
this what
they meant
by him being
asleep?*

*He is
conscious...
but he is not
self-aware...*



SHIVER



Now I...

...am
angry!







This thing has two names?



It's the Sacred Guardian Beast Belcuse the Thunderclap!



How can you say that?!



What is this monster?!



FAIRY MACHINE GUN, LEPRECHAUN !!!!



Eek!!



It didn't work?!



**N
O
O
O
O
O
!!!!**



You
idiot!! The
guy controlling
it!! That
boy over
there!!



If it's not
human, it
doesn't
work!!

What are
you doing?!!
Isn't it about
time you used
that turning-to-
stone thing of
yours?

We
aren't
lovers
!!!!

Two lovers
pass in the
night. What
a—

You want
me to turn
you to stone
first?!

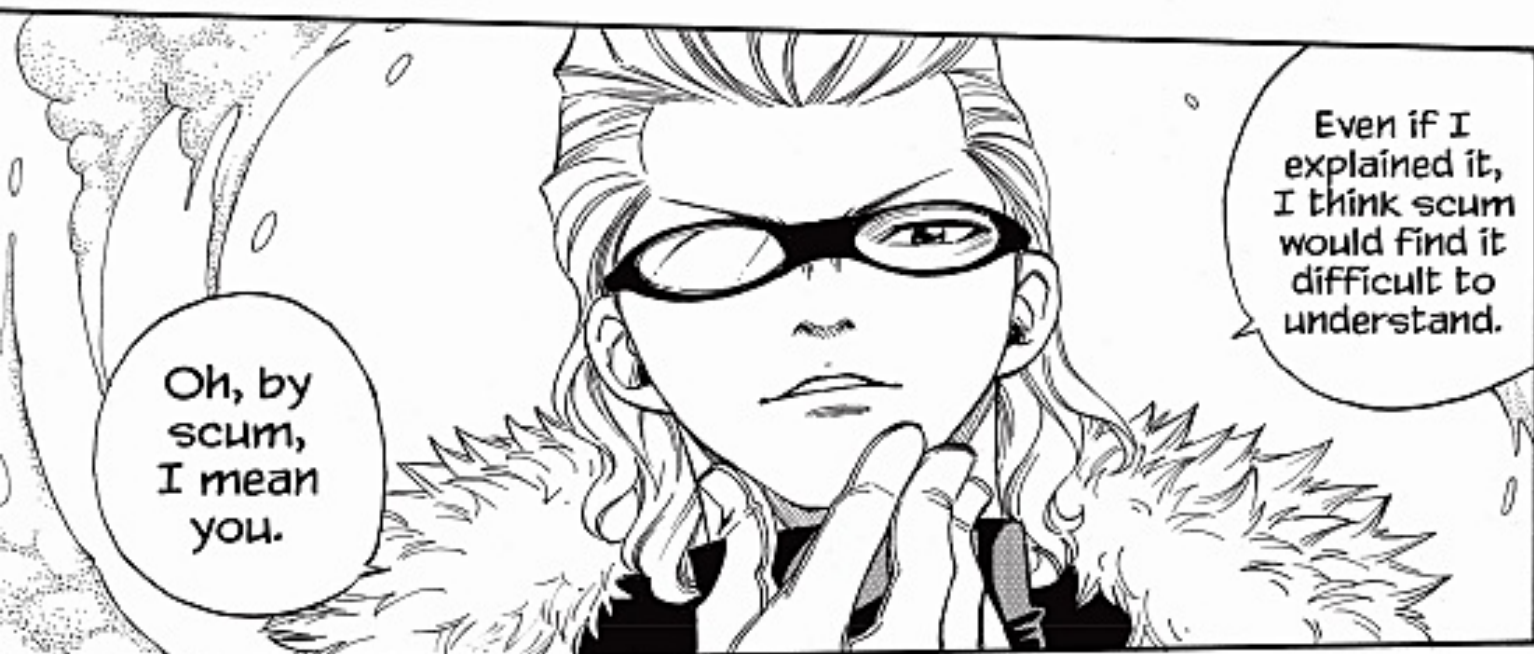
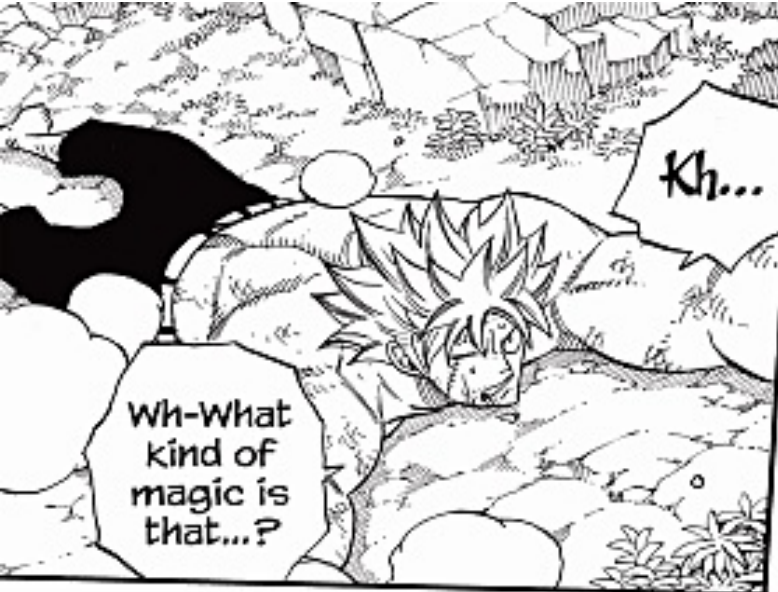
What
good are
you?!!

He's
wearing
glasses!!
It won't
work!!











...that catastrophe will end, and it will usher in a new age of magic.

However... the moment we have Zeref in hand...



Zeref...?!



That guy from a little while ago...



No... You mean... Zeref is on this island... right NOW?!!

The legendary black wizard...?!

That guy was him...?!!



**The Great
Magic
World!!**

**The
primal world
of magic, ruled
by chaos and
darkness!!**



No...

Even
those
who do
will find
them-
selves in
hell.

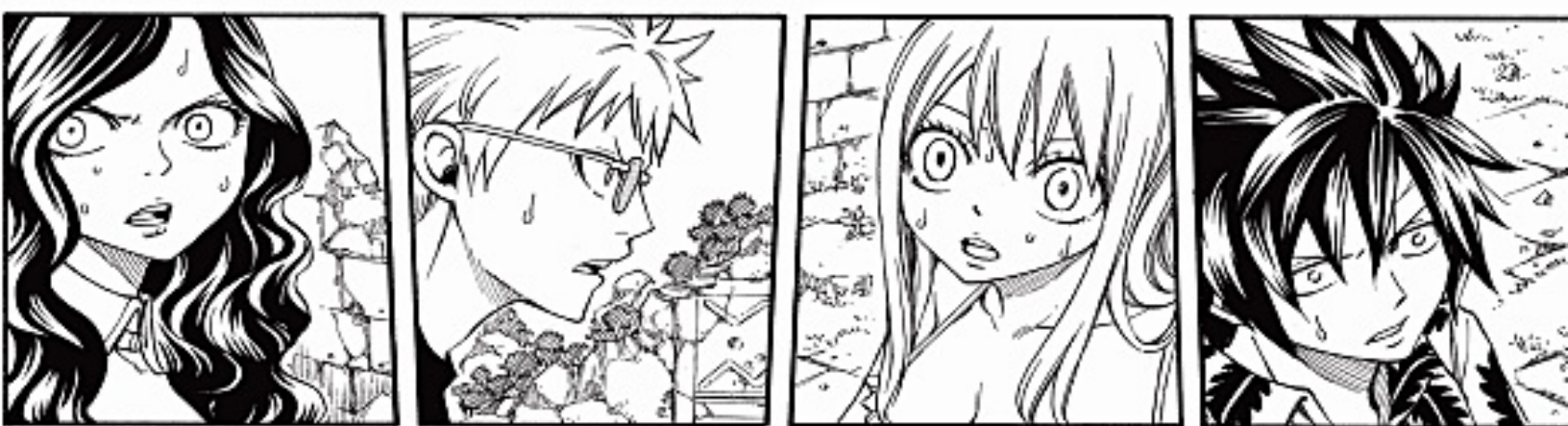
Those
without
magic
will not
survive.



The trash that
can't use magic
will cease to
exist!!!!

The
world
will be
ours!!!

Doesn't
it sound
wonder-
ful?!!





**I have
waited
for this
time!!!!**

**I've
waited
for so
long!!!!**

**We'll
wipe out
everyone who
is without
magic!!!!**

**It will
become a
utopia for
wizards
only!!!!**

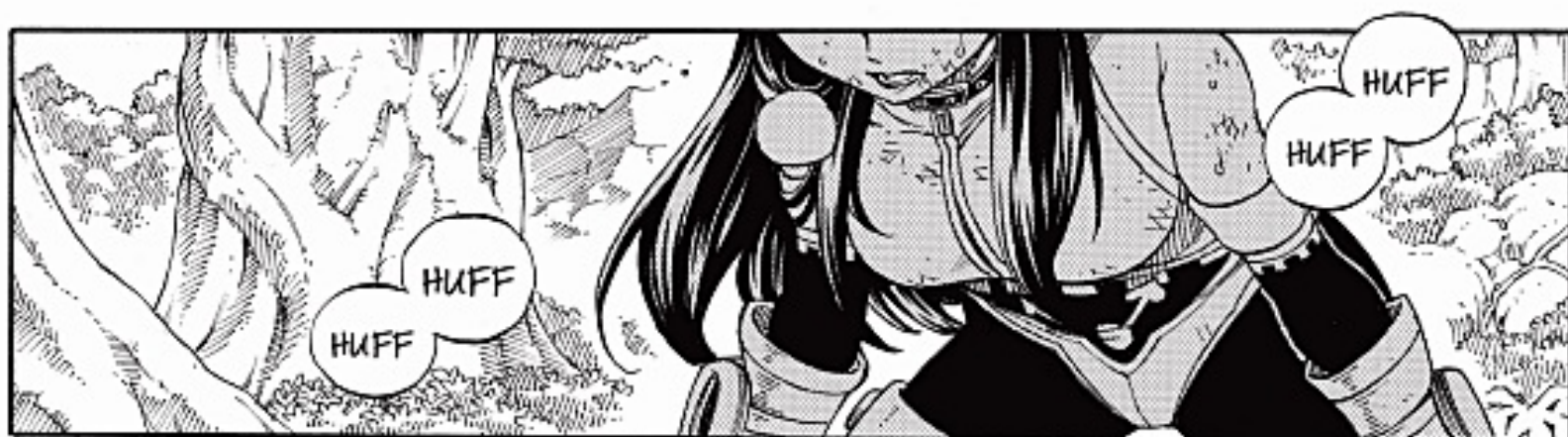


**...ever
happen
!!!!**

**There's
no way
that
can...**



**Th-
That's
just
stupid...**





Heh
heh
heh...

I have
him...

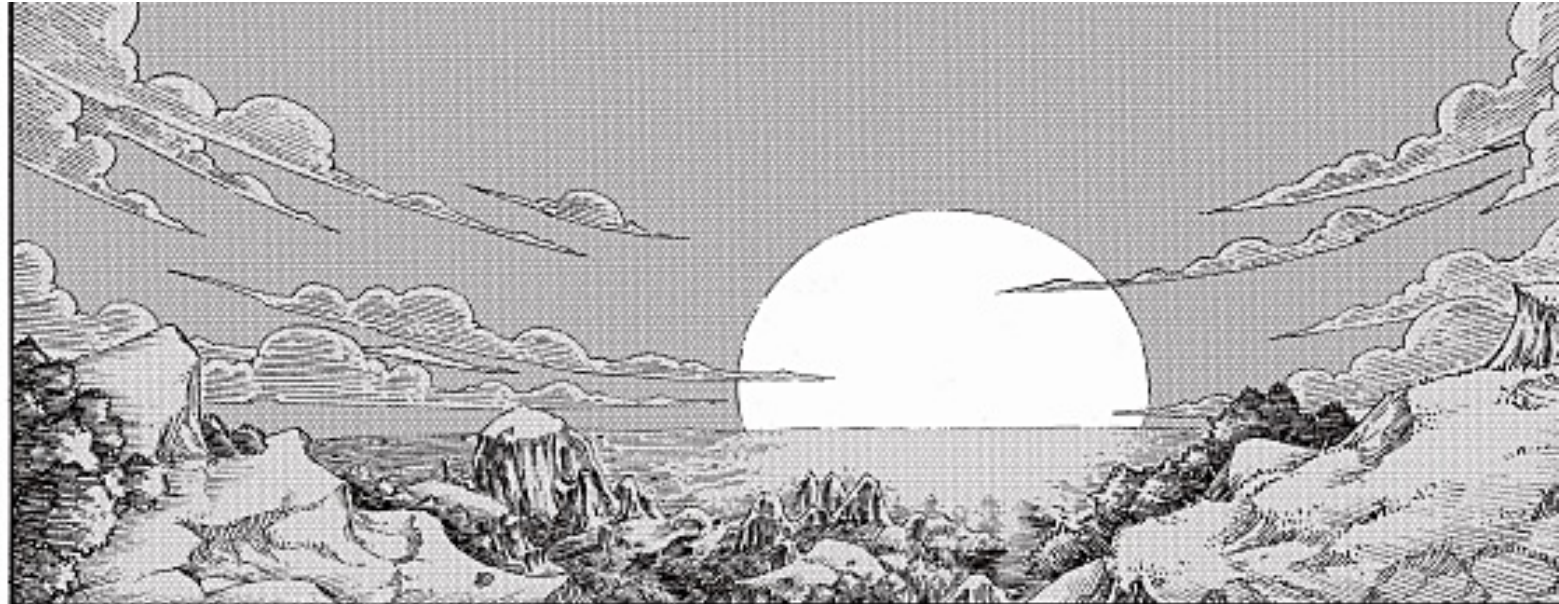
***I
have
Zeref
right
here
in my
hands
!!!!***

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 222: Arc of Incarnation







But who needs them? After all, these magic-less people are like a candle that will not light. They are unnecessary.

And you think people will let you do that?!



Correct.

And that ninety percent will not be able to live in the Great Magic World.

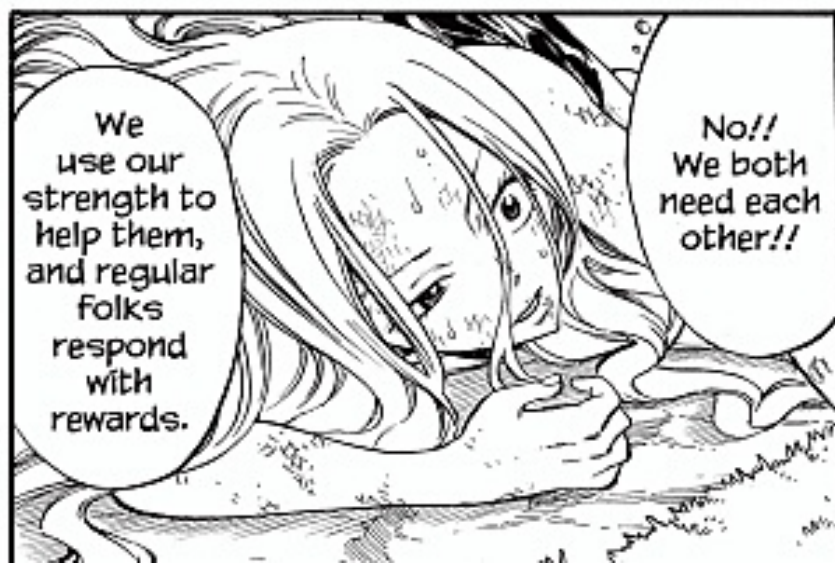


...help each other !!!!

This world is built on people who...

We use our strength to help them, and regular folks respond with rewards.

No!! We both need each other!!



That's your ego talking. All you work for is the riches the powerless can bestow on you.

Help each other? You mean the guild...?



XOO

*Don't throw
mud at those
people who
struggle with
all their might
to make a
living!!!!*

And a
guild is
born!

And that
exchange
of trust
becomes a
plus for the
whole world!



Heh...

SHK

Don't
you go
laughing
at guilds
!!

...that it's
beyond your
capacity to
understand.

It's only
natural
...

So you
can't know
the true
fear of
Zeref...

You come
nowhere
close to the
depths of the
source of
magic.

**When
Zeref shows
his true
power...**

**...the best
you will
be able to
do... The
best! Will be
to prostrate
yourselves
before him!**

**Because
it's a giant
candle that
shines in any
darkness
!!!!**

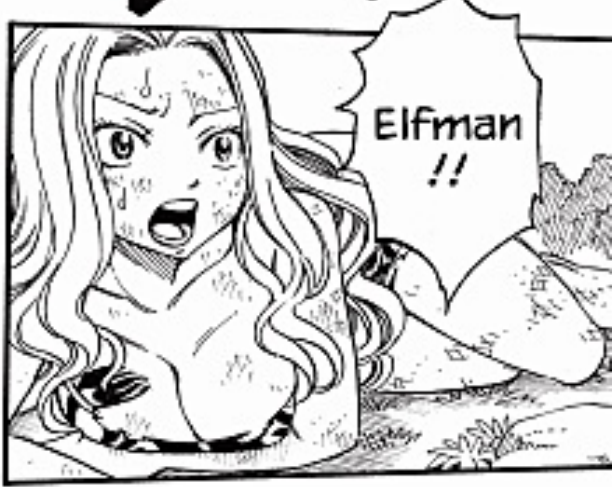
**Fairy Tail
won't bow
down to
anybody
!!!!**



The guild of Fairy Tail lacks the elegance of its name.



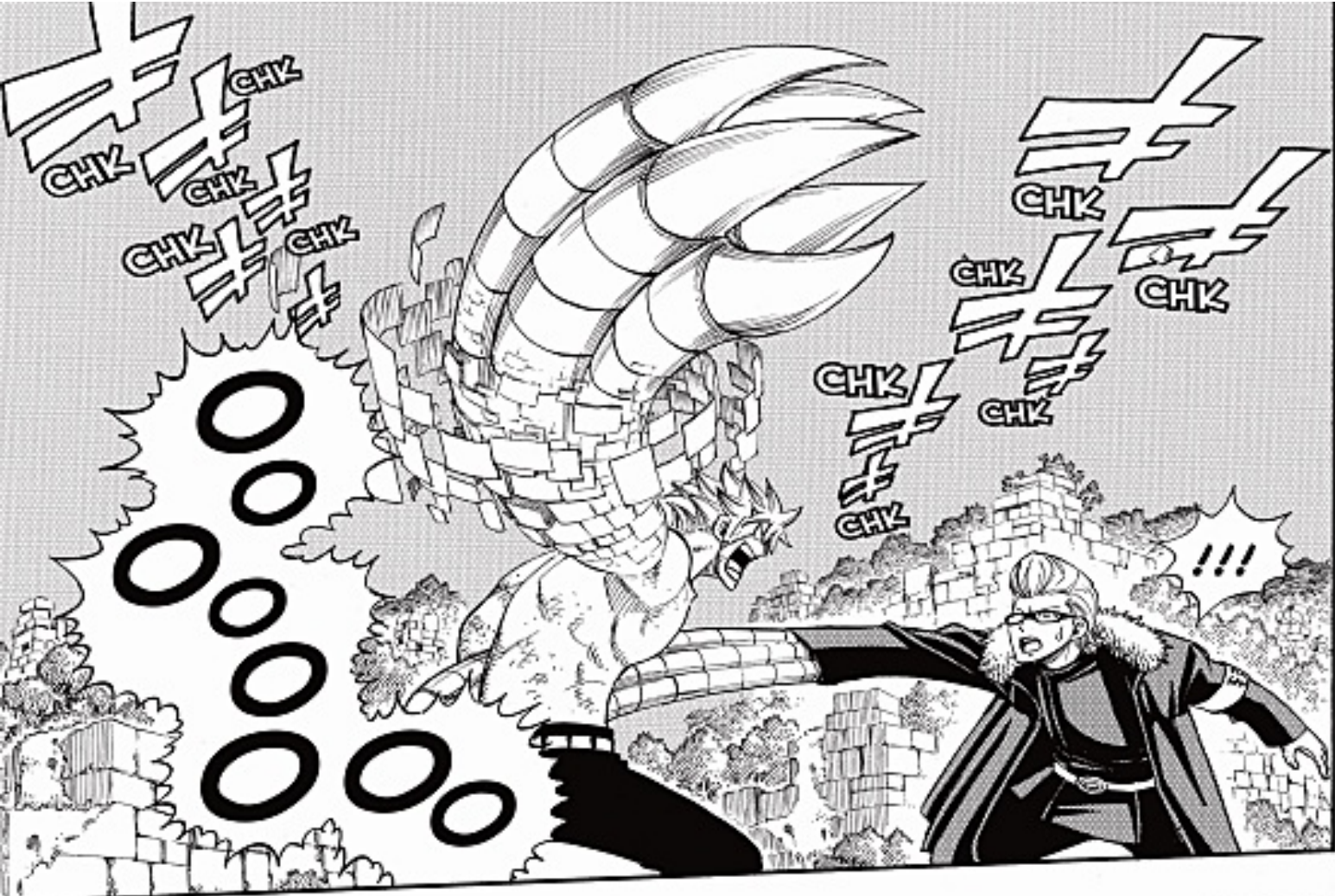
But I won't let you call my friends trash!!!! No *man* would allow that!!!!



Now
your
arm...



A basic
principal of
takeover
magic is to
know your
enemy.







Ever
!!!!

Right!!



What I
was really
after
were your
glasses
!!!

HII-FLIP

But
I'll make
a special
exception for
you just this
once!

The only people
allowed to call
me "Ever" are
Lexus and the
Raijin Tribe.



**AA
AA
AA
AA
!!!**

**Stone
Eyes!!!!**



**Oh
nooooo
!!!!**

There's a guy over
there who is talking
trash about Fairy
Tail, and I'm going
to turn that mouth
to stone so that
it can never open
again!



Wha-?!







My magic comes from my imagination...



To make a wish incarnate takes magic that flows from the very source.



And no one has managed to defeat it, even once!!!!

But it is unrivaled and invincible magic!!!!



**Come into
being!!!
Tower of
Dingir!!!**

**Foolish
fairies!!!
You will now
witness all
possible
sorrows, and
return to
dust!!!!**

yaaah!!

GAOH!



I'm so sorry...



Ever!!!
Hang in there!!!

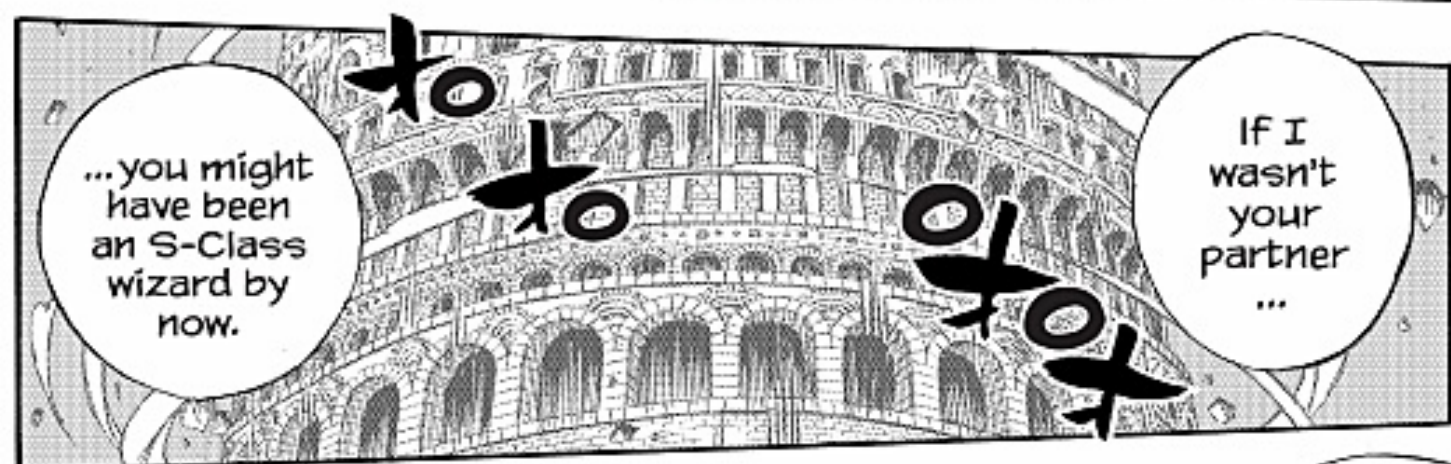


Elf...
man...



What is
this...?!!

I can't
move!!



...you might
have been
an S-Class
wizard by
now.

If I
wasn't
your
partner
...



You
dummy...
If it hadn't
been for
you...

...we'd
never have
made it
this far.



And you
probably
wouldn't have
been defeated
by this jerk...





Elfman...



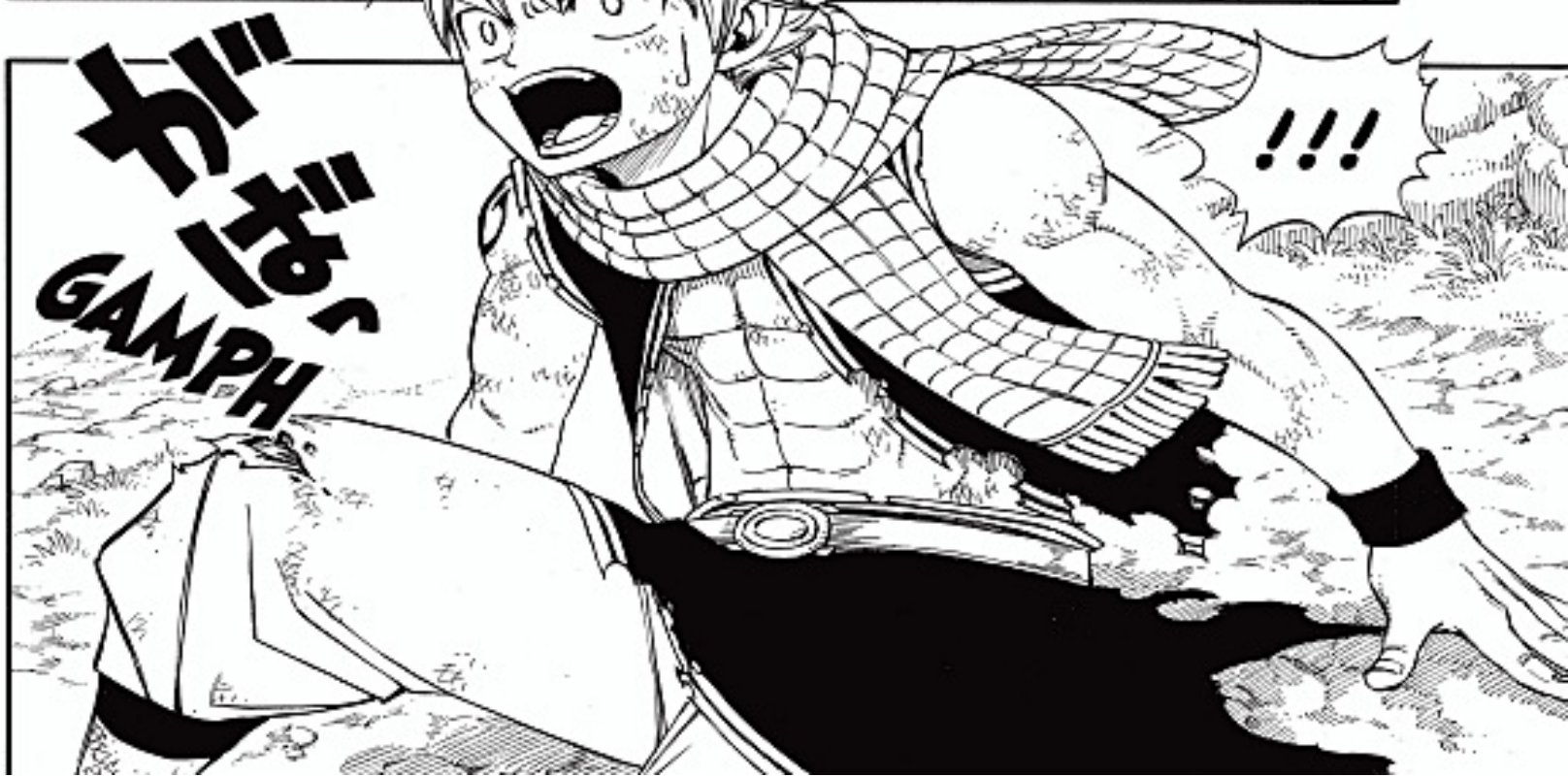
Thanks...

...Ever...



Now
fall...

...to the
space
beyond the
darkness
!!







TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword



Thank you for picking up Volume 26!! I'm going to put in a little advertisement again. There are two editions of Volume 27 too! * A normal edition and a special edition! In the special edition, the DVD is based on the idea, "What if the members of Fairy Tail were high-school students?" It tells the story of that alternate world. For those who read the original manga story, you'll see how they added a lot of the scenes to it! You'll want to check it out!

Now, about the story this time... Wow! Pretty astonishing, huh? Hades was the previous master of Fairy Tail!! What'll we do?! Even I don't know how this incredible plot twist will play itself out! (Cries.) And it seems that ever since the last volume went on sale, Zeref has really become a popular character. Yeah, but he's the enemy! He's really dark! He'd never make a silly face.

I also hear that Merudy is extremely popular. Hm... As the author, I was trying to push Kain Hikaru, but I checked with a friend who knows grade school students, and they say, "He isn't cool, so we don't like him." Hm. As this series started, the regular member that's had the biggest rise in popularity is Levy. They say they want to see her have a bigger role. So, hey! This series looks like it's going to be a long one, huh?

Everyone, please come along with me for the ride, okay?!

*The special edition is available in Japan only.



In Magnolia East Gate Park...



: Long time no see...!!



: But it was just a one-volume break.

Lucy: It seems like in the main story, you're in a tough spot, Mira-san!

Mira: Think so? But there are so many guild members taking part, it's so much fun! ♥



: Yeah...but...um... Mira-san, you're in bad shape...

Mira: It's time to look at our questions!



: Ta-dah! From Vol. 24, p. 120!!



Mira: See? There it is!

Lucy: If you're wondering what the inside looks like, it can be found in a Fairy Tail short story!!

Mira: So be sure to read that short story if you ever get the chance!

Lucy: Next question...!!

In Volume 23, you said that Natsu's house makes an appearance in Volume 24, but it didn't, did it?

Lucy: Huh...? Was it an easy thing to miss?

Mira: Maybe...

A **huge amount**

of post cards came asking this question.

What are those things sticking out of Fried's head?



: Maybe it's bedhead?

Lucy: Hm... You don't think it could be a lightning mark as a member of the Raijin Tribe, could it?



:!!!!



: What's the admiring look for, Mira-san?

Mira: Continuing on.

How much does Lucy weigh?



: I'm not saying!!!

Mira: You don't have to worry about your weight! You've got good style!



: That isn't the problem... It isn't about being light or heavy! It's just embarrassing to have to say your weight, and...

Mira: 47 kg? (104 lbs)



: Aaaaaaaaaaaa!!!



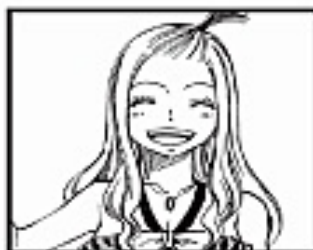
: 0.05 tons?



: Don't go putting it in tons!!

Mira: And the final question for this time.

I think the reason Edolas Mira's personality was the same as normal is because she has two personalities. Normal sweet Mira and scary Mira (Satan Soul).



Lucy: That's less a question and more one possible explanation, huh?

Mira: Interesting.

Lucy: I can feel a certain love for you in the question from this reader, Mira-san!



: Thank you, Y.N.-san! ♥

Lucy: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: That's true. For example, one explanation for why Lisanna was sucked into Edolas was because the Lisanna in Edolas had died, leaving a void, and the world pulled in what it needed to fill the void.

Lucy: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: Actually, the anime may have an explanation for that.



: Wha?! If the anime goes explaining things, what'll we do here in this column?!



: Don't you worry! There's still a mountain of postcards that say,

"This story makes no sense,"

out there.



: I don't know if I should be happy or sad about that.

Mira: Now I'm really interested in finding out what happens next in the main story!!

Lucy: (Or I should say, "Mira-san, I hope you survive this!")

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FAIRY

GUILD

Kanagawa Prefecture,
Natsuki Mabeutani



▲ She drew the girls of Fairy Tail for us!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Just Pink



▲ This is really good! The balance between white and black is excellent!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Mai



▲ That's good!! It's too good!! Become my assistant!

Ibaraki Prefecture, Kunmi Yamamoto



▲ There was a lot of art with Zeref on it! But what is his true power?!

Miyagi Prefecture, Sieg's Tool Box



▲ The background of this image really caught my eye! Very well done!!



▲ Aye! Thanks! Fills the frame! Filled with dreams!

Nara Prefecture, Momoka Yonino

Aomori Prefecture, Ryu Seigun



▲ Gray will have his time to shine in this series too, okay?



▲ Oh, really? It was you... S-Stop scaring me...

REJECTION
CORNER

TAIL

d'ART

The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Aichi Prefecture, Nazobito-san



▲ Finally Ultear joins in the battle. But just how strong is she?

Hokkaido, Nanao Ito



▲ This guy is really hard to draw! You've got strength.

Gifu Prefecture, Yūda Takagi



▲ So... somehow... you know? We really need a character like this, right?

Saitama Prefecture, Maa-cha



▲ There were a lot of illustrations of Merudy!! Thank you!!



▲ He's a goat. Cute, right?

Saitama Prefecture, Rock

Seven Kin Collection!

Gifu Prefecture, Chisato Mihai



▲ God Slaayer!! I want him to show up again!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Tomato



▲ Wow! This guy's tough! Who can take him out?!!

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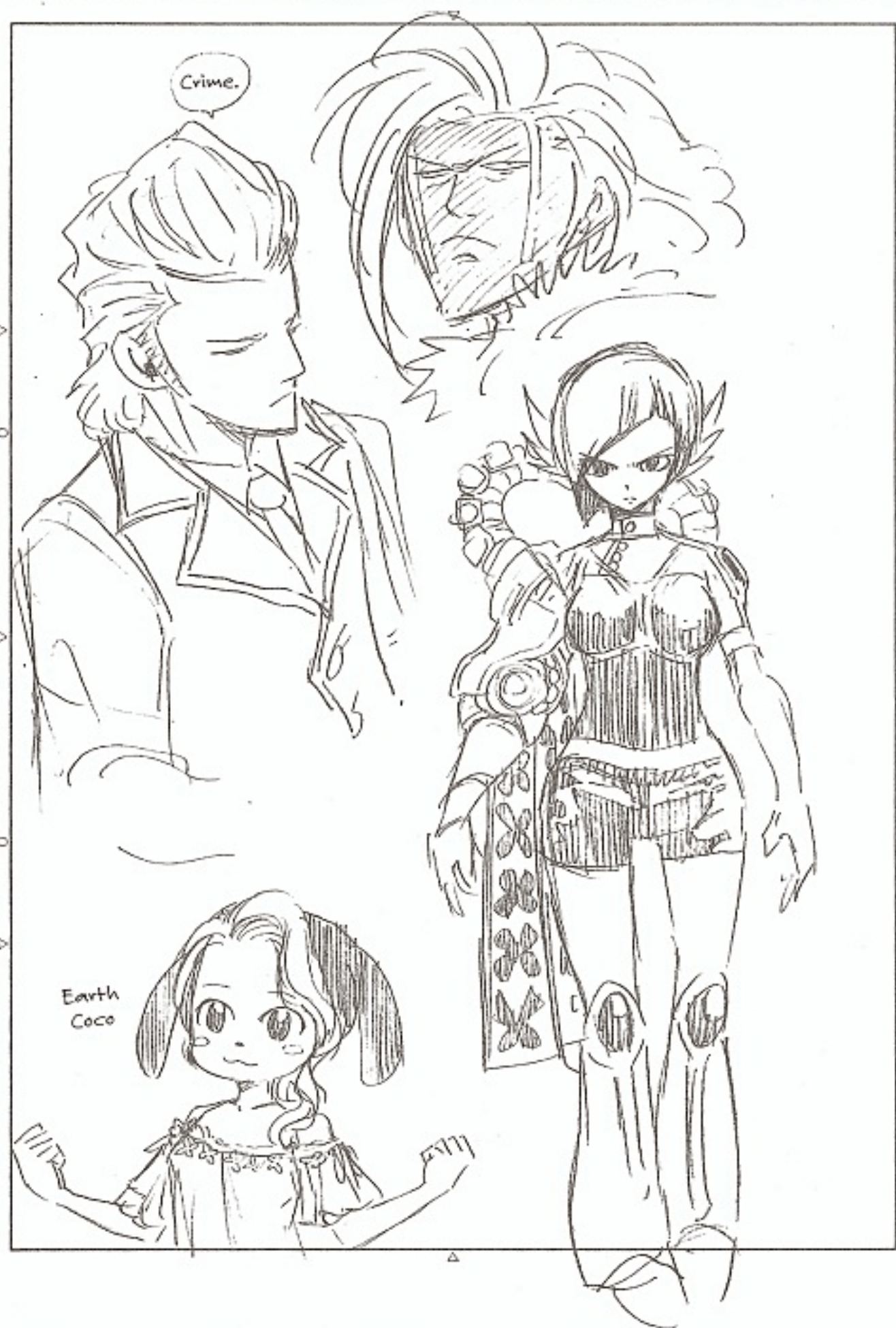
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フェアリーテイル

HIRO HOSHINO





FROM HIRO MASHIMA



In addition to the regular release of Volume 26, there is also a special edition of this volume* that comes with a DVD and other features. But for some reason, a cat-eared Lucy is making a strange pose on the cover, and the insides are the same as Volume 26. I'm really sorry it was confusing. Be sure not to buy both the special edition and the normal edition by mistake.

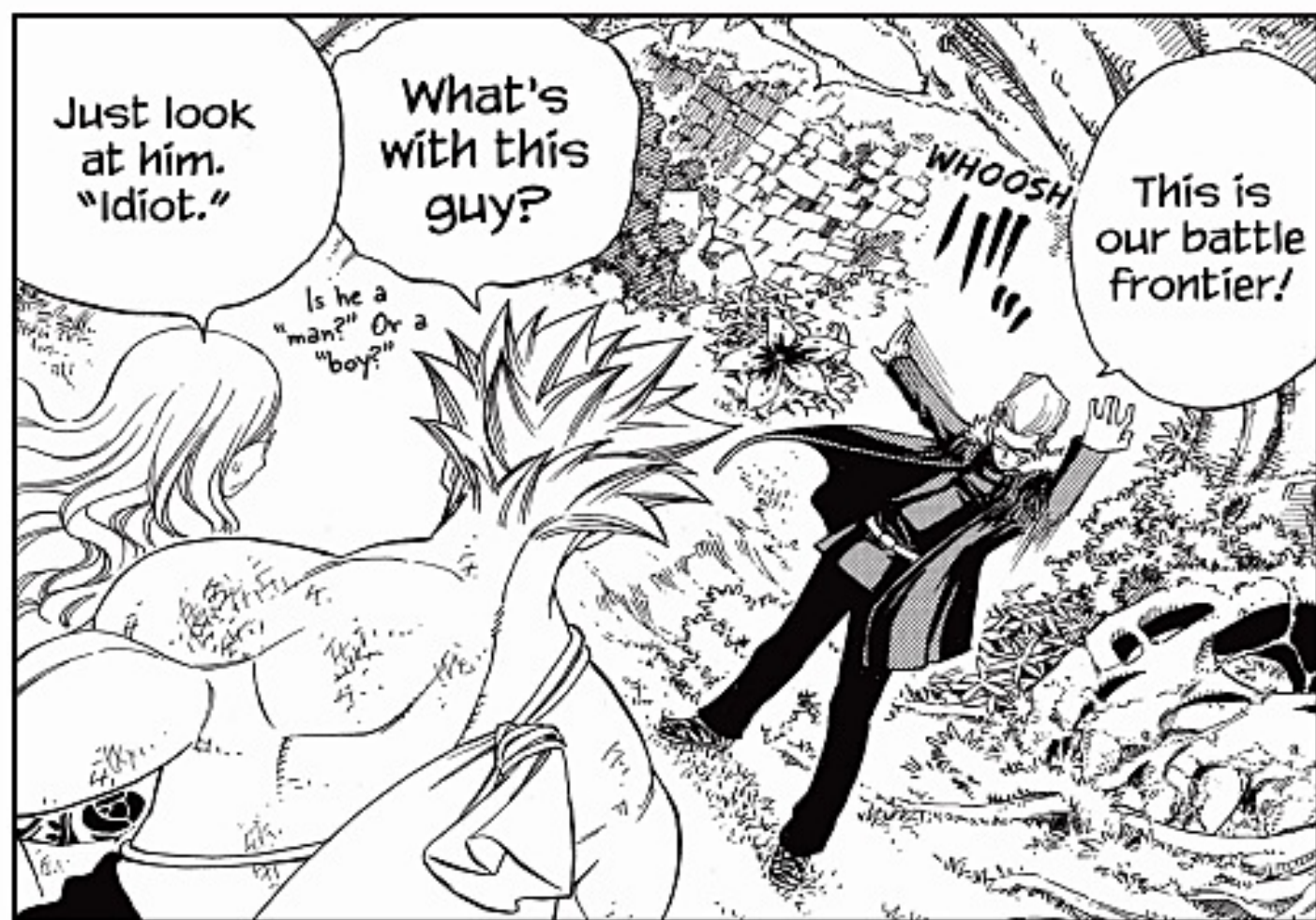
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Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 80, Boy

The *kanji* that Elfman usually uses for "man" is a *kanji* that men can use for "I." It's usually pronounced *boku*, but it can also be pronounced *otoko* (the Japanese word for "man"). But in this case, he uses another *kanji* that can also be pronounced *otoko* but is usually pronounced *rô*, as in the name Ichirô. The *rô* *kanji* means male or son, and it seems to mean someone younger than the standard *kanji* for "man."



Page 87, Kagutsuchi

In the ancient book of Japanese myths, the *Kojiki*, the twin gods Izanami and Izanagi gave birth to the Japanese islands as well as many other deities and forefathers of the Japanese people. One of their children was Kagutsuchi, a Japanese god of fire. It is said that the birth of Kagutsuchi burned Izanami and caused her death.

Page 151, Lord Zeref

There are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. One of the more often seen is *-dono*, which is a way to refer to a feudal lord. The honorific Ultear uses here, *-kyô*, is less common and more polite, but can also translate as "my lord."

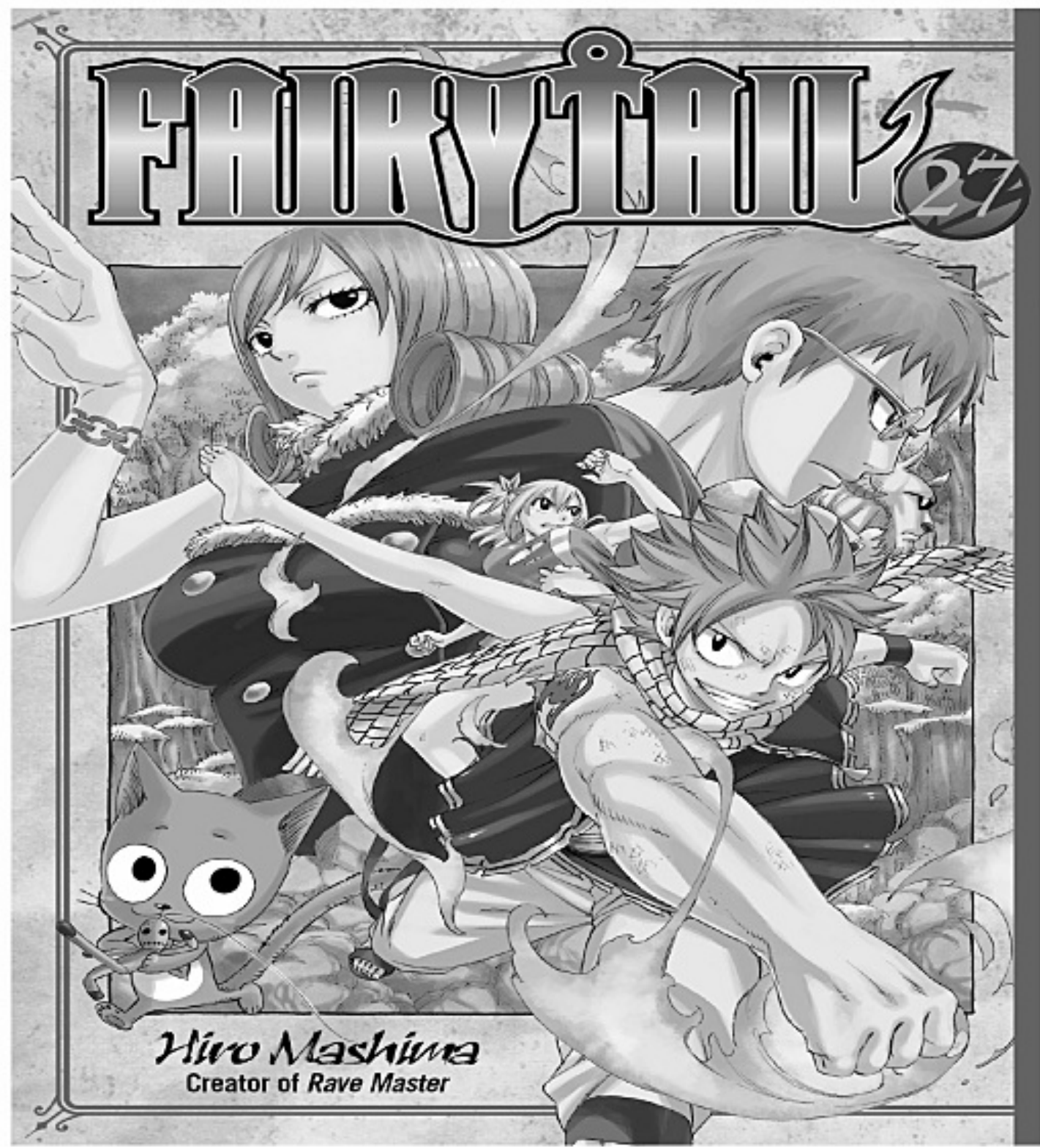


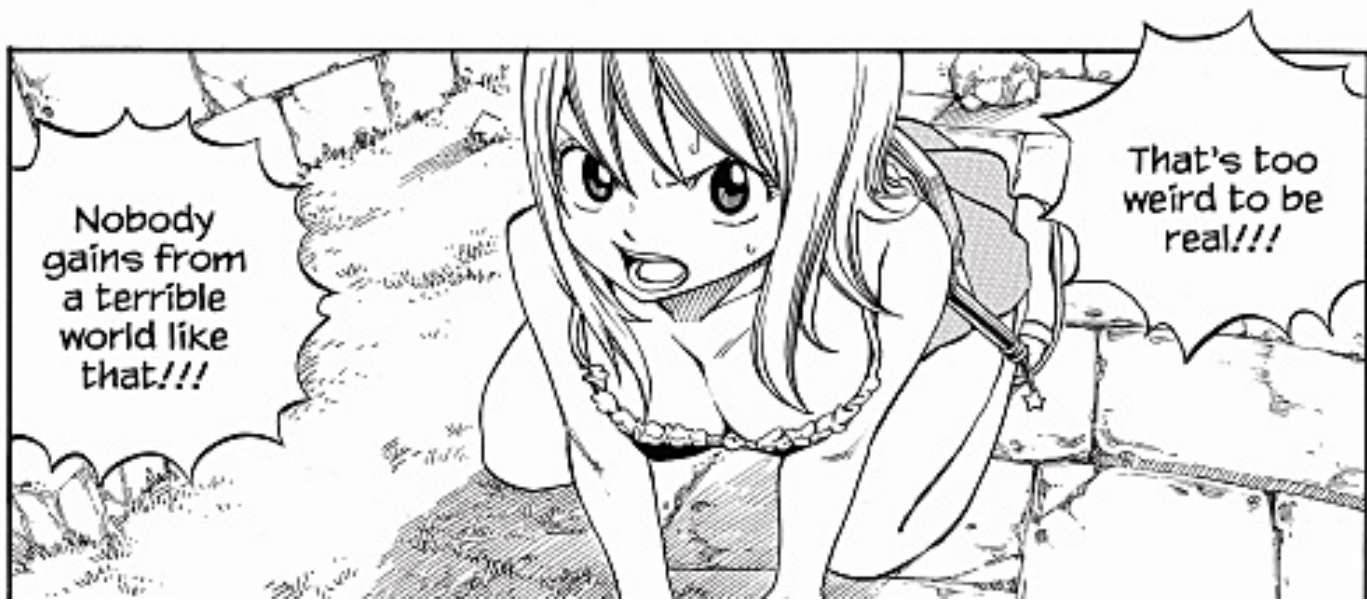
Page 187, Silly face

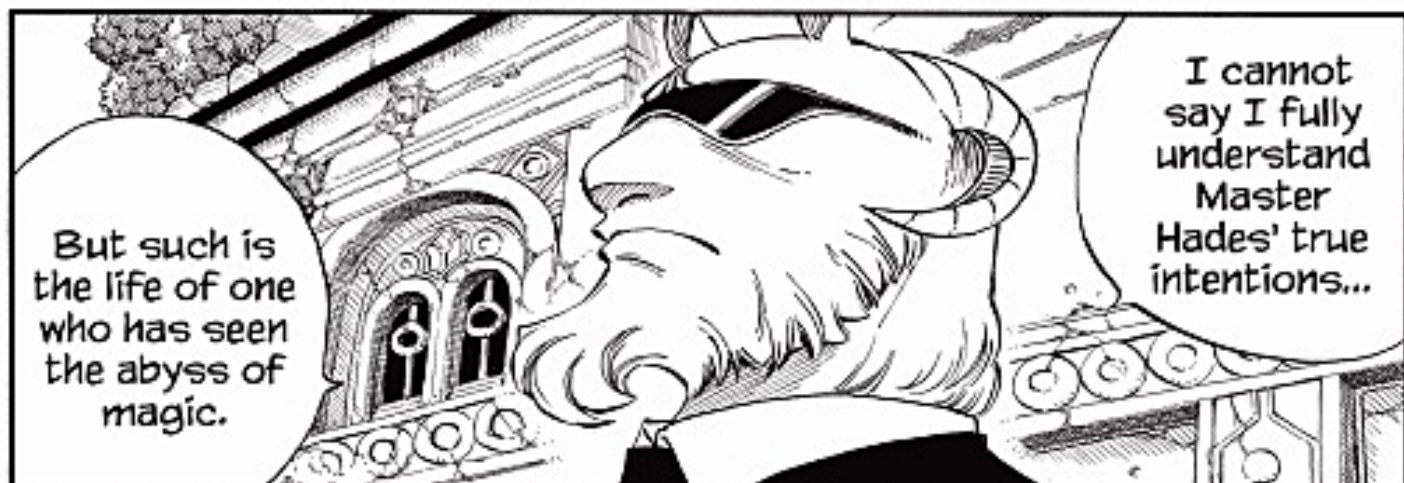
The kind of face that is referred to in Japan as a *gumô* face. It's the kind of despairing face that Makarov makes in Volume 25 in the bottom right-hand panel of page 57. In Japanese, the face has the sound effect "gumô" right next to it.

Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 27

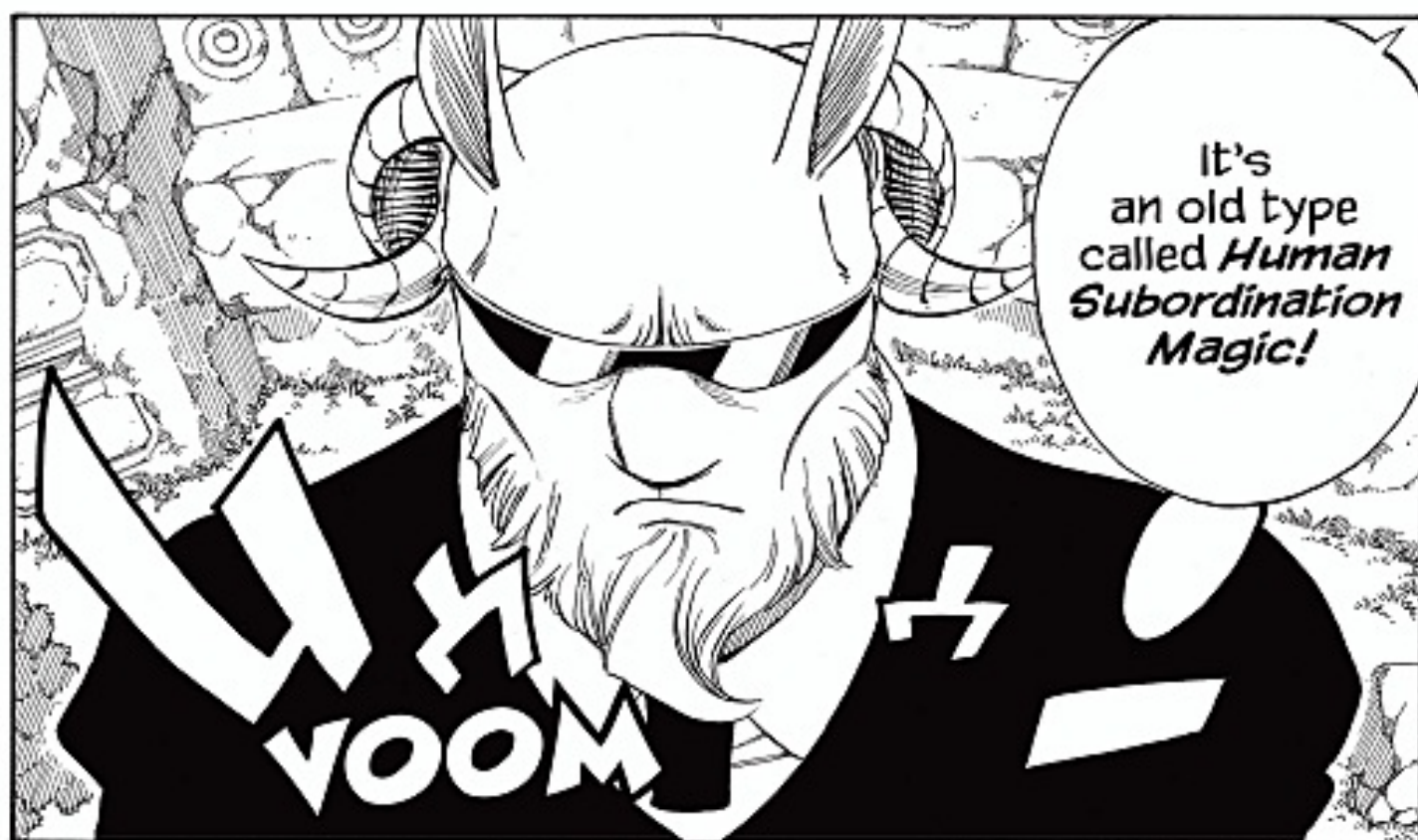
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FSH

!!

!!



I see. I thought you had completely forgotten that you were a Celestial Spirit...

...
Leo!



As a fellow Celestial, I challenge you to single combat!

Capri-corn!



Hey —!

We gotta leave this to him!

We can't fight the guy while he's suppressing our magic power!

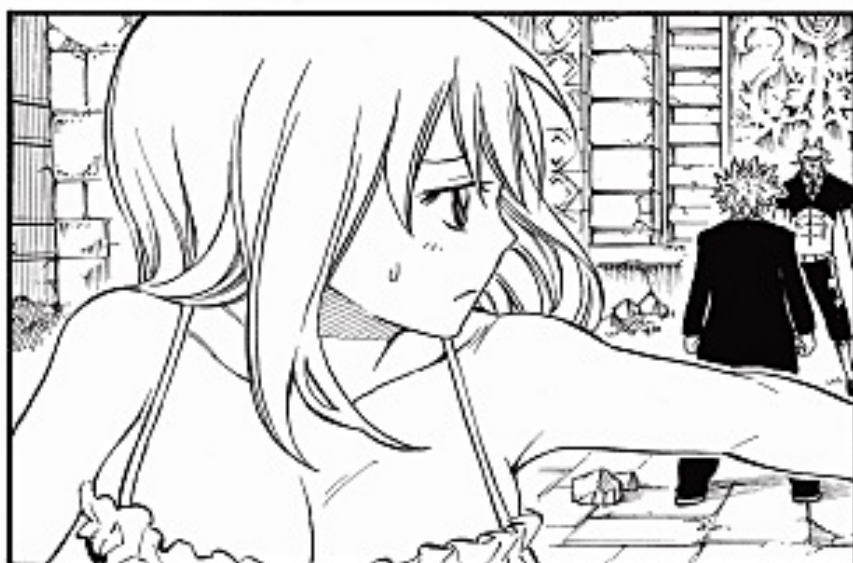
AND UP



I hate to say it, but Loke's got it right.

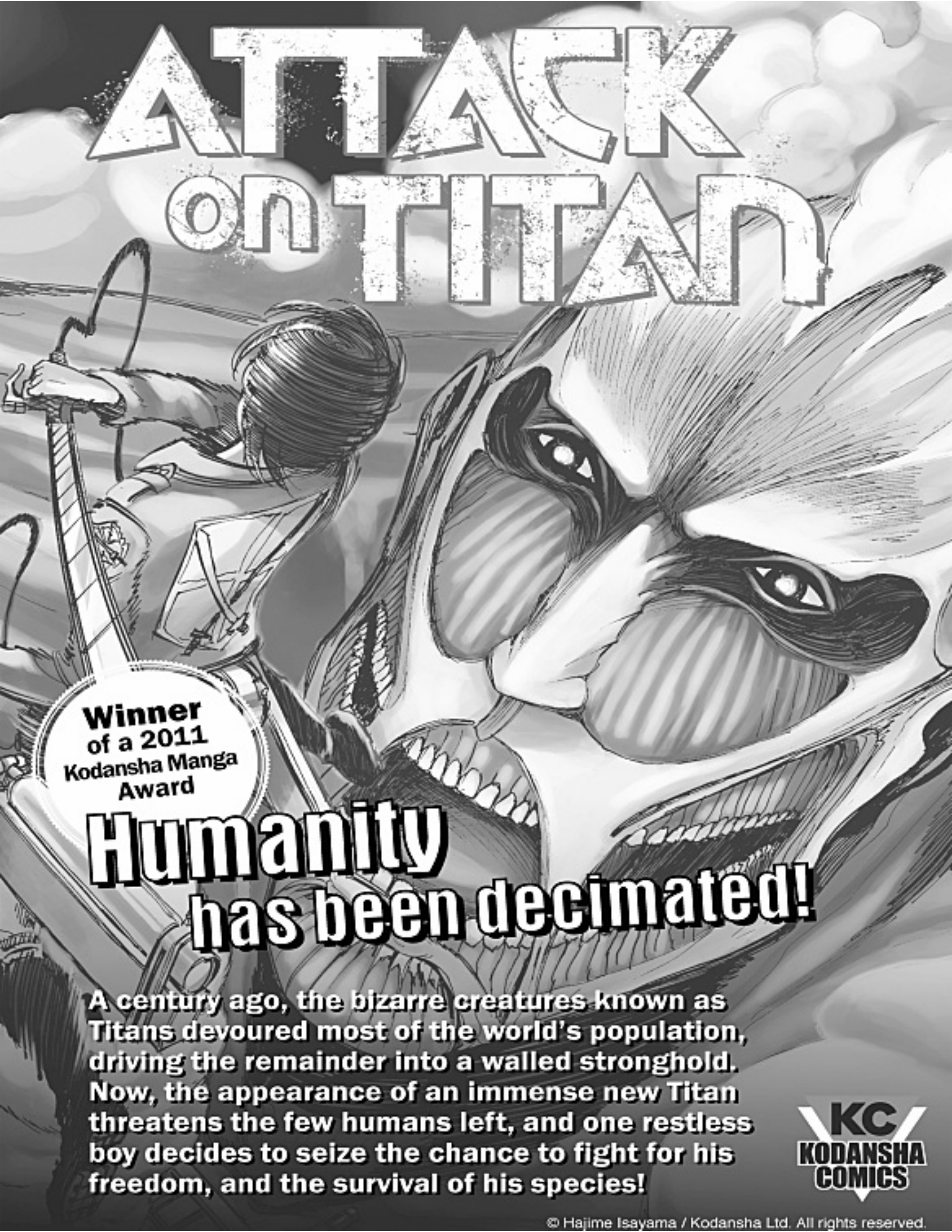
But...

The rest of you... Go, please!





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